

# **AGENDA ITEM 1**

## **A23 Bus Priority Update**



## Primary objective

- Deliver measures to improve bus performance (and reduce journey times) along the A23 corridor, between Sternhold Ave and Streatham Common

## Scope

- Evaluate and assess options for improving bus performance
- Focus on 'quick win' interventions, including (but not limited to) parking removal within bus lanes; bus lane extensions; measures to improve bus priority through junctions

## Opportunities

- Key strategic bus corridor through London (even minor improvements will have benefits for bus operators / passengers)
- Investigate measures to improve walking and cycling, and reduce road danger risk for pedal cycles and P2W
- Alignment with other A23 corridor schemes
- Support the 20mph speed limit that was introduced in this area in December 2023



## Location

- A23 corridor, between Sternhold Ave and Streatham Common (approx. 2km)
- Ties in with A23 Streatham Hill Healthy Streets scheme, expected to start construction in November 2024
- 15 daytime bus routes & 4 night bus routes
- Other projects already underway to improve bus performance on the wider A23 corridor:
  - A23 Streatham Hill – Healthy Streets £9m (starting build in the Autumn)
  - A23 Brixton Hill – Cycle route 15 (early feasibility)



## Existing issues / challenges

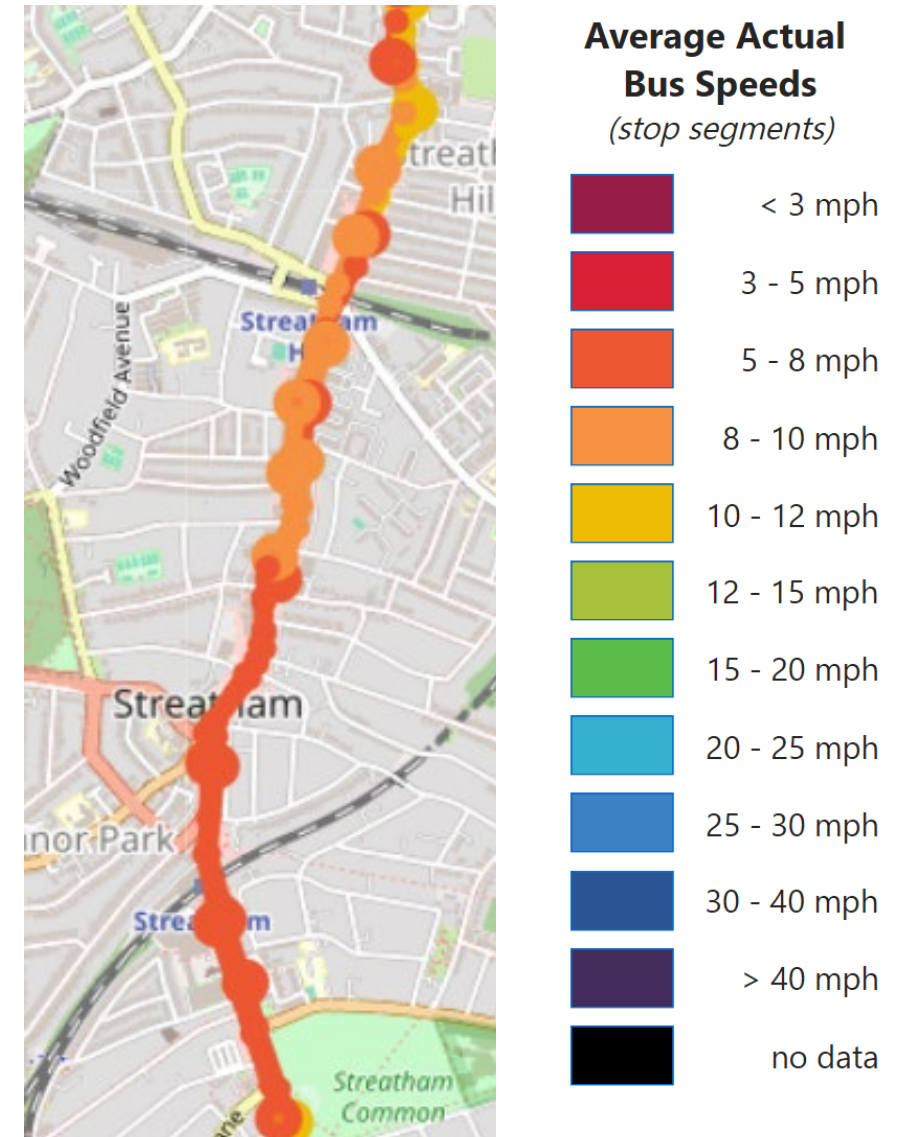
- Poor carriageway condition
- Absence of bus priority facilities at junctions
- Missing / narrow bus lanes
- Congestion which prevents bus movement
- Blocked movements due to YBJ / U-turning
- Kerbside loading/parking delaying buses

## Average bus speeds

- Average actual bus speeds through the corridor: <10mph (15-20mph would be 'good')

## Challenges/risks

- Some ideas may not be feasible due to limited road widths
- Loading/parking changes will require engagement
- Works nearby (e.g. A23 Streatham Hill, Thames Water works on A24) may impact ability to get road space to construct



## Progress to date

### Sternhold Ave to Tooting Bec Gardens

- Site walk with engineering to identify issues; design underway
- Project governance initiation

### Tooting Bec Gardens to Streatham Common

- Feasibility drawings in development as part of “Route G1 Mitigation” scheme
- Design scope includes:
  - Bus lane extensions
  - Kerb adjustments to increase road width for buses
  - Road marking adjustments
  - Reallocating some right-turn lanes to provide ahead lanes in conjunction with bus lanes

## Timelines

Summer 2024	Autumn 2024	Winter 2024	2025*
Feasibility design	Concept design	Detailed design	Delivery

\*to be coordinated with A23 Streatham Hill works

**A23 Streatham Hill**

**Streatham Hill to Tooting Bec Gardens  
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Route G1 mitigation**

