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THE GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL (CITY CENTRE) (TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) ORDER 2010 (VARIATION No24) (BUS PRIORITY) ORDER 201_



Report

The Council proposes to amend the current road layout on Oswald Street and Union Street to provide bus only routes permitting goods vehicles, to maintain essential servicing for local businesses, on the major northbound and southbound bus routes into and out of the City Centre. The restriction will operate every day from 7am to 7pm, out with these times all vehicles can use the full lengths of Oswald Street and Union Street. The existing bus only route on Hope Street between Waterloo Street and Bothwell Street will not be amended by these proposals.

It is intended to restrict vehicles on Oswald Street north of Midland Street to Argyle Street and on Union Street south of Gordon Street to Argyle Street from 7am to 7pm, the following vehicles **shall** be permitted:

- Buses and Coaches
- Taxis
- Licensed Private Hire Vehicles (referred to as Authorised Vehicles)
- Cycles
- Goods Vehicles (for Loading and Unloading)

The following vehicles **shall not** be permitted during the operational times (alternative routes are available):

- Private Cars
- Powered two wheelers (motorcycles and scooters)

These proposed measures should improve the following:

- City Centre emissions by reducing the number of vehicles and delays on these major routes where current pollution levels are concerning.
- Public Health for high density pedestrian areas.
- Accident risk for pedestrians by significantly reducing traffic numbers.
- Delays to bus services through the city centre.
- Ensure deliveries can be made to local businesses to maintain viability.
- Encourage sustainable transport and protect vulnerable road users.

The proposed measures are in line with current Scottish Government and Glasgow City Council policies aimed at improving the health of citizens, support the economic vibrancy of the city centre, enhance the quality of pedestrian spaces, reduce harmful emissions and noise and enhance road safety and personal security.

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