

Pupils launch road improvements at Fountainbridge

Pupils from Tollcross Primary School have been helping to launch brand new road improvements at the junction at Fountainbridge and Gardner's Crescent.

Now, the Council say that pupils and public alike will be able to benefit from a safer route to school.

The £0.5m scheme was largely funded by Transport Scotland's Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets initiative. Work included the replacement of an existing roundabout with traffic lights. This has improved road safety for pedestrians as well as cyclists, especially improving access to the Union Canal path.

The new lay-out connects with the off-road link to Morrison Street and will also provide a direct route to the West End once work on the Edinburgh International Conference Centre extension is completed late next year.

Susan Robertson, from Tollcross Primary School, who is running the School's Cycle Training Scheme in the summer, said: "We have a lot of children who cycle to school and anything which improves the safety of the trip into school is a very good thing."

John Lauder, National Director of Sustrans Scotland, added: "This is a really exciting development and we hope the Council will roll out developments like these across the city. Edinburgh is an increasingly great city to get around by bike and this development will only improve things."