

Pedal on Parliament – the 2022 ride takes place next Saturday

Ten years after the first Pedal on Parliament – or PoP – this year the family-friendly cycle will take place on 23 April 2022 at 1pm.

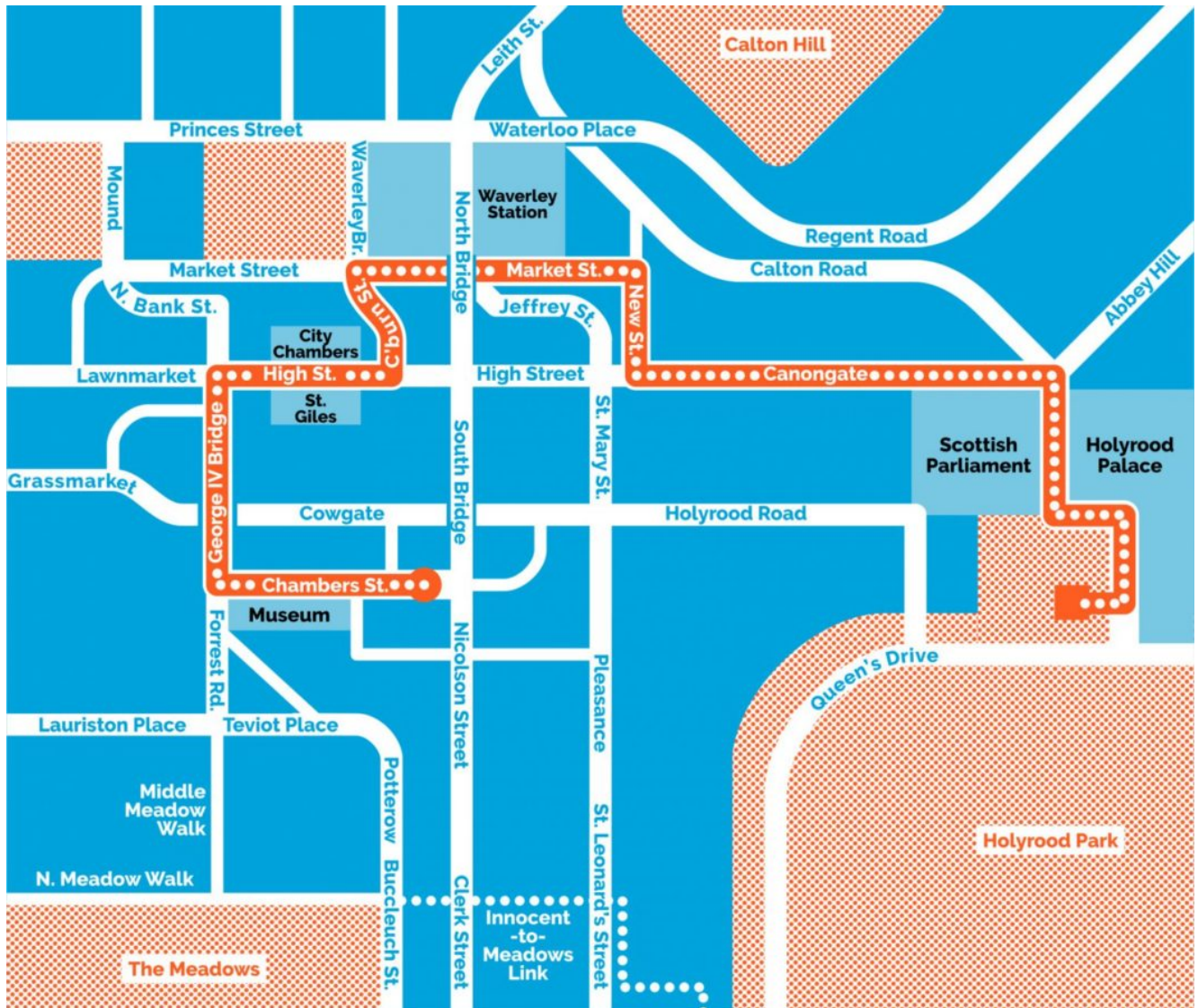
The ride will meet at Chambers Street outside the National Museum of Scotland and will progress from there down George IV Bridge, High Street past the City Chambers, Cockburn Street, Market Street, and Canongate to arrive outside The Scottish Parliament.

Feeder rides from Colinton, Corstorphine, Harrison Park, Leith, Portobello and elsewhere in Scotland such as Dumfries, Dunbar and Glasgow will sell the numbers. More information on feeder rides [here](#). And walkers and wheelers are also encouraged to take part.

As the local elections take place in just a few weeks, the cycle will serve as a reminder of the campaign's main message:

This Machine Fights Climate Change

The group has its own [manifesto](#) which it has asked politicians at national and local level to respond to – and the demands remain much the same as they did in 2012.



Pedal on Parliament asks for:

1. Proper funding for active travel – starting at 10% of the transport budget and rising to 20% by the end of the parliamentary term.
2. Design cycling for all ages and abilities into Scotland's roads.
3. Implement and enforce safer speeds where people live, work and play.

But there have been some positive responses. The Scottish Government has announced plans to reduce the number of car kilometres by 20% by 2030 and has plans for more active travel included in the Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR2) which you can read about [here](#). The consultation on STPR2 has

just ended and will be used to shape government policies for the next five years.

Twenty minute neighbourhoods are now becoming the way that our cities will develop in the future, and 20mph speed limits are becoming the norm, so much of what POP set out demanding is slowly and gradually becoming policy in certain local authority areas. In Edinburgh 10% of the transport budget has already been ring fenced for active travel.

In the manifestos published ahead of the 2022 elections the various parties in Edinburgh have of course had a variety of stances:

A cycle on COP last [November](#) was well attended and led to at least some active travel commitment being agreed.



The Edinburgh Pedal on COP started from Middle Meadow Walk and some of the cyclists travelled all the way to Glasgow to take part in a march there PHOTO ©2021 The Edinburgh Reporter

