The B3416 Plymouth Road is one of the busiest routes in the city with 40,000 vehicles using it daily. It is often congested, with motorists experiencing delays during peak periods and bus services suffering from unreliable journey times. In addition to this, the traffic signal junctions along Plymouth Road are ageing and operate poorly when compared to modern day equipment.

The Eastern Corridor Junction Improvements Programme (Plymouth Road) will aim to reduce traffic delays along the B3416 Plymouth Road, improve road safety by upgrading pedestrian crossings and provide new cycle facilities. An important outcome is improving both journey times for motorists and the service reliability for buses on this busy route, helping to discourage rat-running through Woodford.

The plans include the replacement of life expired traffic signals, which are more prone to failure that can cause delay, with modern more efficient traffic signals at junctions along Plymouth Road from Marsh Mills to Glen Road and by reviewing the way the junctions work to improve their operation. The initial phase of the proposals is at the Cot Hill junction including the creation of more road space for traffic turning right into Cot Hill from Plymouth Road. This will help to ease the overspill that often blocks traffic heading east towards Plympton and will make better use of the two straight ahead lanes.

Also as part of the scheme are changes to the junction of Cot Hill and Merafield Road to reduce queuing on Cot Hill.

Funding

The budget for the Eastern Corridor Junction Improvement Programme is £3.34million. The Department for Transport is contributing £2.10 million with the remainder being provided by developer contributions.

When will work begin?

It is expected that construction could start before the end of 2017 or early in 2018.

Why are we consulting?

We have just started the feasibility option stage and so this is a good opportunity to give people chance to feed in early to the process.

How can I find out more?

Go along to one of our events where staff will be available to talk to you and answer any questions you may have about the proposals.

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Further information will also be available at www.plymouth.gov.uk/ecjip from Friday 19 May.

Share your views

You can submit comments by:

- Completing a questionnaire at one of our events
- Completing our questionnaire online at www.plymouth.gov.uk/ecjip from 19 May.
- Emailing transportprojects@plymouth.gov.uk
- Writing to: Strategic Transport Team, Plymouth City Council, Ballard House, West Hoe Road, Plymouth PL1 3BJ (with reference ECJIP)

The closing date for consultation is 16 June 2017.

What will happen next?

Feedback received will help inform the options taken forward. A consultation report will be prepared and published on our website. If you would like us to tell you when the results are available please let us know when you provide your feedback.
Alongside replacing and renewing the traffic signal equipment and assessing how the junctions could better operate along Plymouth Road, the opportunity will be taken, where possible, to increase capacity for vehicles and provide better cycling and pedestrian facilities.

The junctions included within the project are shown on the plan, alongside some initial ideas for possible improvements.

We would welcome your thoughts on these along with any ideas you may have yourself on how these junctions could be changed to better manage the traffic that is using Plymouth Road.