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# 1 Introduction

# 1.1 Background

Hyder Consulting was appointed in February 2012 by Transport for London (TfL) to assess the impact of designs produced for Euston Circus by Camden Cycling Campaign (CCC) on the local network.

As part of a previous appointment Hyder is undertaking preliminary design, detailed design and implementation for urban realm improvements at the intersection of Euston Road / Tottenham Court Road and Hampstead Road known as the Euston Circus junction.

Camden Cycling Campaign considers that the current proposals for Euston Circus could be improved upon to produce further enhancements for cyclists. CCC has produced a document *'Cycling Issues at Euston Circus'*, which identifies cycling issues at the junction along with CCC's initial ideas on a solution.

The design and signal arrangement provided within 'Cycling Issues at Euston Circus' has been used as a concept to produce Sketch 1 based on the proposed junction footprint, contained in Appendix A and described in Section 2.2. CCC then produced the document 'Euston Circus by Camden Cyclists-Contra-flow bus and cycle lane' which has been used as a concept to produce Sketch 2 with the contra-flow bus lane on the north side of the Euston Road slip., contained in Appendix A and describe in Section 2.3. A further option was developed, as suggested by CCC introducing a contra-flow bus lane on the south side of the existing Euston Road slip towards Gower Street carriageway. This option is shown as Sketch 3 in Appendix A and described in Section 2.4

### 1.2 Contents of Report

Section 2 of this report provides details of the scheme proposals.

Section 3 describes the TRANSYT model area.

Section 4 details the TRANSYT model used as a base for this study.

Section 5 details the CCC Proposed Options TRANSYT models.

Section 6 contains an advantages and disadvantages summary for each design.

Section 7 details the Conclusion

# 2 Scheme Proposals

# 2.1 Option 1 – Euston Road Slip Cycle Lane

It is proposed to provide a 4 metre wide, bus and cycle lane on both the Hampstead Road and Tottenham Court Road approaches to the Euston Circus junction. These bus and cycle lanes are proposed to receive green time together in a separate stage from general traffic (stage 3). In order to accommodate these lanes both approaches are realigned with sections of footway becoming carriageway.

A cycle path from the Gower Street/Euston Road junction direct to Euston Circus is also proposed on the northern footpath of the Euston Road slip. The proposed cycle path is to be signalised at the approach to Euston Circus, receiving green time within a new stage (stage 1).

The revised signal staging for the Euston Circus junction is shown in Figure 2.1 below.





# 2.2 Option 2 – North Contra-Flow Bus Lane

#### 2.2.1 Euston Circus Junction

Bus lanes are proposed on Tottenham Court Road and Hampstead Road as for Option 1. In addition to these bus lanes a westbound contra-flow bus lane is proposed from the Gower Street/Euston Road junction to Euston Circus replacing the footpath and cycle lane north of the existing Euston Road/Gower Street slip carriageway. In addition ten mature trees would have to be removed. The contra-flow bus lane intersects the Euston Circus junction to the north of this slip carriageway. The existing pedestrian crossing across the Euston Road slip is widened to accommodate the bus lane.

The revised signal staging for the Euston Circus junction is shown in Figure 2.2 below.



Figure 2.2: Option 2 revised staging for Euston Circus Junction

#### 2.2.2 Gower Street/Euston Street Junction

To accommodate the westbound contra-flow bus lane on the Euston Road slip, the offside lane on the Euston Road off slip approach becomes a straight ahead lane for buses and cycles entering the contra flow bus lane. The Euston Road off slip nearside lane remains a left turn only lane. The existing cycle/pedestrian crossing across the Euston Road approach remains, allowing cyclists to access the contra-flow bus lane from the nearside.

An addition crossing is proposed across Gower Street. To accommodate this crossing an allred pedestrian stage is proposed (stage 3) as shown below.

The revised signal staging for the Gower Street/Euston Street junction is shown in Figure 2.3.

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Figure 2.3: Option 2 revised staging for Gower Street/Euston Street Junction



# 2.3 Option 3 – South Contra-Flow Bus Lane

## 2.3.1 Euston Circus Junction

Bus lanes are proposed on Tottenham Court Road and Hampstead Road as for Option 1. In addition to these bus lanes a westbound contra-flow bus lane for use by cyclists is proposed from the Gower Street/Euston Road junction to Euston Circus utilising the existing Euston Road slip carriageway.

The revised signal staging for the Euston Circus junction is shown in Figure 2.4 below.



Figure 2.4: Option 3 revised staging for Euston Circus Junction

#### 2.3.2 Gower Street/Euston Street Junction

To accommodate the westbound contra-flow bus lane on the Euston Road slip, the offside lane on the Euston Road off slip approach becomes a straight ahead lane for buses and cycles entering the contra flow bus lane. The Euston Road off slip nearside lane remains a left turn only lane.

The staging for the Gower Street/Euston Street junction remains the same as shown in Figure 2.5.





# 3 TRANSYT Model

### 3.1 Road Network

The junction analysis was undertaken using TRANSYT computer software. TRANSYT is a computer model that gives a representation of traffic behaviour at a single or series of signal-controlled junctions operating under a common and fixed cycle time. TRANSYT predicts the performance of each link in the network based on its degree of saturation in percent, and queue length in passenger car units (PCU's). The program does not quantify the effects of blocking back on upstream junctions.

The study network consists of the following junctions operating within UTC SCOOT signal control Group 9:

- A400 Hampstead Road / Drummond Road (02/034);
- Euston Road / Tottenham Court Road / Hampstead Road (02/019);
- Tottenham Court Road / Grafton way (02/059);
- A400 Tottenham Court Road / Maple Street / University Street (02/060);
- Euston Road / Gower Street (02/016);
- Pedestrian Crossing- A501 Tottenham Court Road by Warren Street (02/250); and
- Pedestrian Crossing- Gower Street by Grafton Way (02/179).

The extent of the road network which has been modelled in TRANSYT is shown in Figure 3.1.



#### Figure 3.1: TRANSYT Model Extent

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# 4 Base TRANSYT Model

#### 4.1 Introduction

Hyders Proposed TRANSYT model and design produced and approved by TfL as part of the Euston Road Study detailed in Report *HGW-5003-UA002838-LNR* and shown in drawing *KH015-UA002838-LND-01* has been used as the base for this study.

#### 4.2 Design

The base layout for Euston Circus is shown in drawing *KH015-UA002838-LND-P1*. The base design is described below:-

- Reduced junction footprint;
- Controlled pedestrian crossings across all arms;
- Tottenham Court Road, Euston Road eastbound off-slip and Hampstead Road all have three lane approaches;
- The Euston Circus junction operates a three stage method of signal control;
- Additional Node (1901) added to model separate stage stream for Euston Road southeast bound exit to Gower Road and the associated pedestrian crossing.

### 4.3 Modelling Assumptions

The following assumptions were made whilst modelling the base scenario:

- Cruise Times and intergreens were calculated at Euston Circus based upon drawing KH015-UA002838-LND-P1;
- Vehicles will no longer be allowed to turn left from Hampstead Road and will continue ahead onto Gower Road to model a worst case scenario;

The Saturation flows used in the model were calculated from RR67 or agreed with TfL. A LINSIG model was produced to use as a basis for the TRANSYT model.

- The saturation flow in LINSIG varies between AM and PM models due to differences in traffic flow distribution. As such in each case where the figure varied, the lower figure was used (and input directly);
- A cycle time of 80 seconds has been used in the AM peak and a cycle time of 88 seconds has been used in the PM Peak;
- Node 19 (Euston Circus) has been optimised, all other nodes within the network retain the existing timings;

The base models used are titled:

- Euston Circus\_Gr9\_am\_proposed\_1.5.tnd
- Euston Circus\_Gr9\_pm\_proposed\_1.5.tnd

# 4.4 Base Model Results

		Link	AM Peak		PM Peak	
Junction	Link Description	No	Deg of Sat (%)	Queue (PCU)	Deg of Sat (%)	Queue (PCU)
	Hampstead Road SB	3410	53	8	51	8
A400 Hampstead Road /	Drummond Road WB	3420	67	4	52	4
Drummond Road (02/34)	Hampstead Road NB	3430	25	3	47	9
	Drummond Road EB	3440	49	3	39	3
Tottenham Court Road/Beaumont	Tottenham Court Road NB	2501	44	5	53	25
Place Pelican Crossing (02/250)	Tottenham Court Road SB	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Hampstead Road SB Right	1906	77	18	83	19
A501 Euston Road / A400	Tottenham Court Road NB Ahead 1		73	22	83	24
Hampstead Road / A400	Euston Road EB Off Slip Ahead/Right	1904	74	17	85	25
Tottenham Court Road (02/19)	Euston Road EB Off Slip Left	1905	30	2	71	8
	Mid Junction SB To A400 Gower St	1908	32	4	36	3
Euston Road WB Off Slip / Euston	Euston Road (SB link from Euston circus)	161	61	9	63	13
circus SB Exit Arm (02/16)	A501 Euston Road WB Off Slip	162	32	3	25	3
A400 Tottenham Court Road /	Grafton Way Right Turn / Ahead	594	72	9	73	8
Grafton Way (02/59)	Tottenham Court Road NB Ahead	592	52	17	91	33
A400 Tottenham	Tottenham Court Road NB Ahead / Right	605	50	5	91	12
Court Road / Maple Street	Tottenham Court Road NB Ahead	604	51	10	92	21
(02/60)	Maple Street Left/ Ahead	601	55	6	79	16

#### Figure 4.1: TRANSYT Base Model Results

# 5 Proposed TRANSYT Models

### 5.1 Option 1 - Euston Road Slip Cycle Lane

The proposed layout for the CCC design Option 1 – Euston Road slip cycle lane is shown in drawing *Sketch 1* and described in detail in Section 2.1 of this report.

#### 5.1.1 Modelling Assumptions

The following assumptions were made whilst modelling Proposed Scenario 1:-

- Cruise Times and intergreens were calculated at Euston Circus based upon drawing Sketch 1;
- A cycle time of 120 seconds has been used in the AM peak and a cycle time of 120 seconds has been used in the PM Peak;
- All nodes have been optimised;

The revised models are titled:

- Euston Circus\_Gr9\_am\_proposed\_4.1.tnd
- Euston Circus\_Gr9\_pm\_proposed\_4.1.tnd

#### 5.1.2 Results Summary

Figure 5.1 shows the results of the AM peak and PM peak hour Option 1 TRANSYT models.

The link with the highest Degrees of Saturation (DoS) in the AM peak hour is the Hampstead Road approach with a DoS of 113% and a corresponding queue length of 65 Passenger Car Units (PCUs). Three other arms at the Euston Circus Junction are also predicted to operate with a DoS over 100%.

The link with the highest Degrees of Saturation (DoS) in the PM peak hour is the Tottenham Court Road approach with a DoS of 151% and a corresponding queue length of 239 PCUs. This predicted queue would block back across all adjacent junctions on Tottenham Court Road back to beyond the junction with Goodge Street.

The Hampstead Road approach is predicted to operate with a DoS of 147% and a corresponding queue length of 126 PCUs. This predicted queue would block back across all adjacent junctions on Hampstead Road to beyond the junction with Robert Street. The Euston Road straight ahead and right turn link is also predicted to operate over capacity with a DoS of 112% and a corresponding queue length of 86 PCUs.

It should be noted the queues TRANSYT predicts are built up over the one hour modelled period. In practice the queue on over capacity links would be considerably longer than modelled, as the queue builds up over time.

# 5.1.3 Proposed TRANSYT Model Results

		Link	AM Peak		PM Peak	
Junction	Link Description	No	Deg of Sat (%)	Queue (PCU)	Deg of Sat (%)	Queue (PCU)
	Hampstead Road SB	3410	55	13	45	9
A400 Hampstead Boad / Drummond	Drummond Road WB	3420	36	5	56	5
Road (02/34)	Hampstead Road NB	3430	22	6	32	6
	Drummond Road EB	3440	26	3	41	4
Tottenham Court Road/Beaumont Place Pelican Crossing (02/250)	Tottenham Court Road NB	2501	31	3	41	6
	Hampstead Road SB Right	1906	113	65	147	126
	Tottenham Court Road NB	1901	110	67	151	239
AF01 Fuston Bood	Euston Road EB Off Slip Ahead/Right	1904	112	74	112	86
A 400 Hampstead	Euston Road EB Off Slip Left	1905	45	4	93	15
Tottenham Court	Mid Junction SB To A400 Gower St	1908	25	4	28	8
110au (02/19)	Tottenham Court Road NB Bus Lane	1962	106	19	98	13
	Hampstead Road SB Bus Lane	1963	98	9	89	6
	WB Cycle Lane	1965	15	0	15	0
Euston Road WB Off Slip / Euston	Euston Road (SB link from Euston circus)	161	36	7	41	5
circus SB Exit Arm (02/16)	A501 Euston Road WB Off Slip	162	45	6	27	4
A400 Tottenham Court Road /	Grafton Way Right Turn / Ahead	594	66	12	79	17
Grafton Way (02/59)	Tottenham Court Road NB Ahead	592	38	19	54	31
A400 Tottenham	Tottenham Court Road NB Ahead / Right	605	35	6	68	11
Court Road / Maple Street	Tottenham Court Road NB Ahead	604	36	12	69	21
(02/60)	Maple Street Left/ Ahead	601	54	9	77	20

#### Figure 5.1: TRANSYT Proposed Model Results- Option 1

### 5.2 Option 2– North Contra Flow Bus Lane

The proposed layout for the CCC design Option 2- north contra flow bus lane is shown in drawing *Sketch 2* and described in Section 2.2 of this report.

#### 5.2.1 Modelling Assumptions

The following assumptions were made whilst modelling Option 2:-

- Cruise Times and intergreens were calculated at Euston Circus based upon drawing Sketch 2;
- A cycle time of 120 seconds has been used in the AM peak and a cycle time of 120 seconds has been used in the PM Peak;
- All nodes have been optimised;

The revised models are titled:

- Euston Circus\_Gr9\_am\_proposed\_5.0.tnd
- Euston Circus\_Gr9\_pm\_proposed\_5.0.tnd

#### 5.2.2 Results Summary

Figure 5.2 shows the results of the AM peak and PM peak hour Option 2 TRANSYT models.

The link with the highest Degrees of Saturation (DoS) in the AM peak hour is the Tottenham Court Road approach with a DoS of 110% and a corresponding queue length of 69 PCUs. Two other links at the Euston Circus Junction are also predicted to operate with a DoS over 100%.

The link with the highest Degrees of Saturation (DoS) in the PM peak hour is the Hampstead Road approach with a DoS of 147% and a corresponding queue length of 127 PCUs. This predicted queue would block back across all adjacent junctions on Hampstead Road to beyond the junction with Robert Street.

The Tottenham Court Road approach is predicted to operate with a DoS of 146% and a corresponding queue length of 220 PCUs. This predicted queue would block back across all adjacent junctions on Tottenham Court Road back to the junction with Goodge Street. The Euston Road straight ahead and right turn link is also predicted to operate over capacity with a DoS of 108% and a corresponding queue length of 71 PCUs.

It should be noted the queues TRANSYT predicts are built up over the one hour modelled period. In practice the queue on over capacity links would be considerably longer than modelled, as the queue builds up over time.

# 5.2.3 Proposed TRANSYT Model Results

		Link	AM Peak		PM Peak	
Junction	Link Description	No	Deg of Sat (%)	Queue (PCU)	Deg of Sat (%)	Queue (PCU)
	Hampstead Road SB	3410	48	10	44	9
A400 Hampstead Boad / Drummond	Drummond Road WB	3420	59	5	63	6
Road (02/34)	Hampstead Road NB	3430	19	3	31	13
	Drummond Road EB	3440	43	4	46	4
Tottenham Court Road/Beaumont Place Pelican Crossing (02/250)	Tottenham Court Road NB	2501	29	6	40	6
	Hampstead Road SB Right	1906	107	51	147	127
	Tottenham Court Road NB	1901	110	69	146	220
A501 Euston Pood	Euston Road EB Off Slip Ahead/Right	1904	107	60	108	71
/ A400 Hampstead Boad / A400	Euston Road EB Off Slip Left	1905	43	4	90	14
Tottenham Court Boad (02/19)	Mid Junction SB To A400 Gower St	1908	34	5	36	4
110au (02/13)	Tottenham Court Road NB Bus Lane	1962	79	7	76	6
	Hampstead Road SB Bus Lane	1963	98	8	89	6
	Euston Road WB Bus Lane	1965	58	3	50	2
Euston Road WB Off Slip / Euston	Euston Road (SB link from Euston circus)	161	75	18	69	19
circus SB Exit Arm (02/16)	A501 Euston Road WB Off Slip	162	73	7	56	4
A400 Tottenham Court Road /	Grafton Way Right Turn / Ahead	594	61	10	73	8
Grafton Way (02/59)	Tottenham Court Road NB Ahead	592	37	7	54	15
A400 Tottenham	Tottenham Court Road NB Ahead / Right	605	36	6	66	10
Court Road / Maple Street	Tottenham Court Road NB Ahead	604	36	12	67	21
(02/60)	Maple Street Left/ Ahead	601	53	9	78	20

#### Figure 5.2: TRANSYT Proposed Model Results- Option 2

### 5.3 Option 3 – South Contra-Flow Bus Lane

The proposed layout for the CCC design Option 3- south contra-flow bus lane is shown in drawing *Sketch 3* and described in detail in Section 2.3.of this report.

#### 5.3.1 Modelling Assumptions

The following assumptions were made whilst modelling Option 3:-

- Cruise Times and intergreens were calculated at Euston Circus based upon drawing Sketch 3;
- A cycle time of 120 seconds has been used in the AM peak and a cycle time of 120 seconds has been used in the PM Peak;
- All nodes have been optimised;

The revised models are titled:

- Euston Circus\_Gr9\_am\_proposed\_6.0.tnd
- Euston Circus\_Gr9\_pm\_proposed\_6.0.tnd

#### 5.3.2 Results Summary

Figure 5.3 shows the results of the AM peak and PM peak hour Option 3 TRANSYT models.

The link with the highest Degrees of Saturation (DoS) in the AM peak hour is the Tottenham Court Road approach with a DoS of 90% and a corresponding queue length of 17 PCUs.

The link with the highest Degrees of Saturation (DoS) in the PM peak hour is the Hampstead Road approach with a DoS of 114% and a corresponding queue length of 65 PCUs. This predicted queue would block back on Hampstead Road across the Drummond Street junction.

The Tottenham Court Road approach is predicted to operate with a DoS of 105% and a corresponding queue length of 73 PCUs. This predicted queue would block back on Tottenham Court Road back to the junction with Grafton Way. The Euston Road straight ahead and right turn link is also predicted to operate over capacity with a DoS of 104% and a corresponding queue length of 57 PCUs.

It should be noted the queues TRANSYT predicts are built up over the one hour modelled period. In practice the queue on over capacity links would be considerably longer than modelled, as the queue builds up over time.

# 5.3.3 Proposed TRANSYT Model Results

		Link	AM Peak		PM Peak	
Junction	Link Description	No	Deg of Sat (%)	Queue (PCU)	Deg of Sat (%)	Queue (PCU)
	Hampstead Road SB	3410	52	12	45	9
A400 Hampstead Boad / Drummond	Drummond Road WB	3420	42	5	56	5
Road (02/34)	Hampstead Road NB	3430	23	8	38	14
	Drummond Road EB	3440	31	3	41	4
Tottenham Court Road/Beaumont Place Pelican Crossing (02/250)	Tottenham Court Road NB	2501	30	3	40	3
	Hampstead Road SB Right	1906	89	25	114	65
	Tottenham Court Road NB	1901	90	17	105	73
A501 Euston Pood	Euston Road EB Off Slip Ahead/	1904	88	29	104	57
/ A400 Hampstead Boad / A400	Euston Road EB Off Slip Left	1905	35	4	87	13
Tottenham Court Boad (02/19)	Mid Junction SB To A400 Gower St	1908	38	5	46	6
11000 (02/13)	Tottenham Court Road NB Bus Lane	1962	74	7	76	7
	Hampstead Road SB Bus Lane	1963	87	7	89	6
	Euston Road WB Bus Lane	1965	52	3	44	2
Euston Road WB Off Slip / Euston	Euston Road (SB link from Euston circus)	161	80	19	80	15
circus SB Exit Arm (02/16)	A501 Euston Road WB Off Slip	162	73	6	66	5
A400 Tottenham Court Road /	Grafton Way Right Turn / Ahead	594	62	11	68	14
Grafton Way (02/59)	Tottenham Court Road NB Ahead	592	38	20	65	32
A400 Tottenham	Tottenham Court Road NB Ahead / Right	605	42	6	66	10
Court Road / Maple Street	Tottenham Court Road NB Ahead	604	42	13	67	21
(02/60)	Maple Street Left/ Ahead	601	46	8	78	20

#### Figure 5.3: TRANSYT Proposed Model Results- Option 3

# 6 Advantages/Disadvantages

The advantages and disadvantages of each of the three Proposed Options compared to the agreed proposed measures are described in Figure 6.1 below.

Option	Advantages	Disadvantages
	Hampstead Road and Tottenham Court Road approaches to Euston Circus safer for cyclists	Severe delays for general traffic with queues of up to 239 PCUs.
Option 1	Dedicated cycle lane and signals for westbound cyclists on Euston Road slip	Delay to pedestrians due to 120 second cycle time
Euston Road Slip Cycle Lane	Removes possible pedestrian/cyclist conflict at south-east corner of Euston Circus	Footpath narrowing at Euston Circus due to carriageway widening
·		Conflict point between pedestrians and cyclists on Euston Road slip exacerbated by 'Green Wall'
		Horizontal alignment from Tottenham Court Road to Hampstead Road very poor
	Hampstead Road and Tottenham Court Road approaches to Euston Circus safer for cyclists	Severe delays for general traffic with queues of up to 220 PCUs.
	Pedestrian crossing across Gower Street on desire line and all red pedestrian stage	Delay to pedestrians due to 120 second cycle time
Option 2	Bus lane for westbound cyclists on Euston Road slip	Environmental and aesthetical impact of tree removal on Euston Road slip.
North Contra- flow Bus Lane	Existing bus routes using Grafton Way could use westbound bus lane and bus stop on Euston Road slip	Inadequate footway between bus lane and general traffic lane
	Removes possible pedestrian/cyclist conflict at south-east corner of Euston Circus	Horizontal alignment from Tottenham Court Road to Hampstead Road very poor
		Design cannot be safely accommodated due to island requirement.
		Removal of London Underground vent shaft and strengthening of underpass wing wall would be expensive to implement
	Hampstead Road and Tottenham Court Road approaches to Euston Circus safer for cyclists	Delays for general traffic with queues of up to 73 PCUs
	Bus lane for westbound cyclists on Euston Road slip	Delay to pedestrians due to 120 second cycle time
Option 3 South Contra-flow Bus Lane	Existing bus routes using Grafton Way could use westbound bus lane on Euston Road slip	Footpath narrowing at Euston Circus due to carriageway widening
	Removes possible pedestrian/cyclist conflict at south-east corner of Euston Circus	Horizontal alignment from Tottenham Court Road to Hampstead Road very poor
	Cheapest of the 3 options to implement	Safety issues of two lane traffic from Euston Road eastbound off-slip merging into one lane towards Gower Street

Figure	6.1:	Advantages	and	Disadvantages	for	each	Option

# 7 Conclusions

Traffic assessments of the three Proposed Camden Cycling Campaign options show the Euston Circus junction would operate well over capacity with any of the options, even with the cycle time increased to 120 seconds, with all the associated disadvantages for pedestrians.

All three options show significant disadvantages for buses, general traffic and pedestrians. In view of the extremely poor operation of this junction no benefit would accrue to cyclists either, as the junction would be blocked for a significant proportion of the peak times. There would also be a detrimental 'knock on' effect on other junctions in the vicinity and exacerbate the poor traffic conditions in the Euston Road underpass.

Option 1 results in the junction being required to operate significantly over capacity with the resulting queues blocking back to other junctions.

Option 2 appears the least viable due to the total impact on other road users, including general traffic and pedestrians. Option 2 would also be the most expensive to implement and mean the removal of ten mature trees in an area with severe air pollution.

Option 3 is not viable due to the impact on other road users including general traffic and pedestrians.





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