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## Request:

I have some questions re Tanners Bank bridge which you may be able to answer.

1. please can you elaborate on the proposed alterations to to the Metro bridge and why they are necessary.

Nexus and the Council are developing a joint scheme to renew Tanners Bank Bridge. The structure requires renewal and requires a redesign to remove the risk of a bridge strike due to the current low arch. The redesign will aim to improve the vehicle clearance height to allow improved access to the fish guay.

2. is it for double decker buses to get down and lorries or what.

The proposed redesigned bridge will aim to improve clearance to allow vehicles such as double decker buses to pass underneath. Detailed design has not yet commenced.

3. Does it require planning agreement?

This will not be known until the scheme is further developed and detailed design has commenced.

4. we presume it has been put into NECA to gain a government grant. Is this correct

A bid is being prepared for the next round of Department for Transport's Highway Maintenance Challenge Fund. The DfT have not yet announced the when bids will be invited.

5. How much will it cost.

This has not yet been calculated.

6. has it been put out to any consultation with FISH or the public.

No formal public consultation has been undertaken. This will be done if the funding bid is successful and a viable scheme is able to be taken forward. Consultation will also be undertaken with other stakeholders (transport forums, business forums, emergency services etc)

7. why has this issue of both bridges not been bought forward to the partnership group of NCC and NTPTUG of the transport Forum.

Same answer as 6.

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