

Route Risk Assessment

Service X33 Loanhead - Edinburgh Longstone & Central Garages

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Do Any of the Statements listed below have any relevance to the route under review? <i>Tick as appropriate</i>	Yes	No								Severity	Likelihood	Risk rating		Intolerable	Undesirable	Tolerable
Driver has sufficient visibility at any road junctions and/or roundabouts?		✓	Sharp right and left blind bend on Musselburgh Road Dalkeith, possibility of bus having to use opposite carriageway to negotiate	Wrong route driven, contact with stationary objects, contact with other road users and pedestrians.	Route learning, driver training, traffic circulars, route driven by qualified PCV drivers, risk awareness	YES	YES	YES	YES	2	1	3				3
The route is free from overhanging branches or (or potential) on the route?		✓	1. Potential branches - Old Dalkeith Road, 2. Out bound B704 towards Bonnyrigg	Wrong route driven, contact with stationary objects, contact with other road users	Route learning, driver training, Driver reporting procedure for on route hazards, traffic circulars developed and information posted in garages, route driven by qualified PCV drivers, risk awareness incl LB Roads	YES	YES	YES	YES	2	1	3				3
Bus lanes bus / bus stops / roads appropriately defined & marked - Free from indiscriminate parking?		✓	All bus stops, lanes marked appropriately - Indiscriminate parking widespread along route - including - 1 North Bridge loading/unloading (North bridge Hotel) 2. South Bridge. 3. Surgeons Hall 4. Clerk Street 5. Lothian Road 6. Old Edinburgh Road 7. Buccleuch Street 8. Edinburgh Road 9. Newtongrange, 10. Bryans Rd, 11. Oak Place, Mayfield	Wrong route driven, contact with stationary objects, contact with other road users	Route learning, driver training, traffic circulars, route driven by qualified PCV drivers, risk awareness, LB Roads	YES	YES	YES	YES	2	1	3				3
Road restrictions or traffic speed/control measures visible and can be traversed safely (e.g. road humps)?	✓		All measures clearly visible throughout the route & suitable to pass with care	Driver speeding, vehicle damage, uncomfortable journey for passengers, Drivers not operating to schedules,	Route learning, driver training, traffic circulars, route driven by qualified PCV drivers, risk awareness, LB Roads	YES	YES	YES	YES	2	1	3				3
Timings reflect any congestion issues	✓		Queing traffic taxis/parking, - peak times and weekend traffic as well as city events might impact timings	Driver speeding, vehicle damage, uncomfortable journey for passengers, Drivers not operating to schedules,	Qualified PCV drivers, risk aware, customer engagement awareness, trained to understand/read timeboards & AVL, Operating ahead of schedule, Lead Driver support at garage	YES	YES	YES	YES	2	1	3				3
Route (incl off service routes & normal diversions) suitable for all bus types?		✓	Approved for all vehicle types except XLB Tri-Axle (see details below)	Wrong route driven, contact with stationary objects, contact with other road users,	Route risk assessment, Low bridge awareness campaign, Driver vehicle & route training also includes off service routes, Management awareness of low bridges on or close to route, LB Roads details all low bridges	YES	YES	YES	YES	2	1	3				3

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Height restrictions (i.e. low bridges) etc on or close to the route?	✓		There are a number of low bridges near the service which may represent a danger if off route. These include including Balgreen Road (Low Bridge 14ft), Roseburn Street Low Bridge (12'9") West College St (11.6) , This list may not be comprehensive - Full details are contained on LB Roads and Low Bridge awareness materials. March 25 - Cameron Toll Bridge (Southbound) Re-signed to 14'6" (4.4m) - remains suitable for all fleet to drive beneath	Wrong route driven, contact with stationary objects, contact with other road users.	Route risk assessment, Low bridge awareness campaign, Driver route training also includes off service routes, Management awareness of low bridges on or close to route, LB Roads details all low bridges.	YES	YES	YES	YES	3	1	4	Route information held within control room and schedules. Control room have 'Live' visibility of all vehicles being used on all routes to minimise risk of vehicles colliding with a Low Bridge & NAVINEO system installed across full operational fleet to alert when off route - any/all incidents or near misses to be fully investigated and reported to Head of Operations/Head of Risk	4		
Are bus stop suitably positioned away from road junctions and other road/traffic hazards?	✓		All stops suitable positioned throughout this service.	Drivers not adhering to designated bus stops. Contact with stationary objects, contact with other road users	Route risk assessment, Low bridge awareness campaign, CPC courses, Driver route training , MCV eVora repositioned nearside mirror.	YES	YES	YES	YES	1	1	2		2		
Bus stops, BSI and other fixed infrastructure far enough from kerb edges to allow safe entry / exit at bus stops?		✓	Bus stop Bridge end court - Damage to top corner consistent with mirror contact - Infrastructure North Bridge reduced to one way traffic, construction bollards in centre carriageway 1. Bollards kerb edge along Clerk Street - Cycle lane separated by bollards 1. Old Dalkeith Road - Lothian road litter bin fixed position, evidence of tailswing incidents with other services - Euro bins kerb edge at various locations throughout this route	Drivers not adhering to designated bus stops. Collision with infrastructure.	Route learning, driver training, route driven by qualified PCV drivers, risk awareness incl LBRoads	YES	YES	YES	YES	2	1	3	Temporary hazards, including roadworks may not be reflected in this assessment & will be assessed separately and recorded in LB Roads for the period they impact the operation.	3		
Kerbs heights along route do not cause access problems for passengers? / vehicles or restrict vehicles that may be used	✓		Kassel kerbs at various stops throughout the route	Wrong route driven, contact with stationary objects, contact with other road users	Route learning, driver training, route driven by qualified PCV drivers, risk awareness	YES	YES	YES	YES	1	1	2		2		
All roads used a public highways? <i>(Access to private land must be with the permission of the landowner. Consideration to a site specific risk assessment should be given when appropriate eg site accessible by controlled access / driver changeover or breaks taken on site / reversing of vehicles is required (with or without banksman)</i>		✓	Sheriffhall Park & Ride - Designed for bus access	Drivers make contact with Barrier, vehicle damage, Property Damage, company Reputation.	Route learning, driver training, route driven by qualified PCV drivers, risk awareness	YES	YES	YES	YES	2	1	3		3		
Any requirement for reversing of vehicles on the route?		✓	No reversing required in normal operation. If driver is required for unforeseen reasons to reverse, Control should be contacted to provide advice	Wrong route driven, contact with stationary objects, contact with other road users, driver reverses bus without banksman	Drivers must contact control when wrong route taken, Drivers should not be reversing buses on street, risk awareness	YES	YES	YES	YES	1	2	3		3		
Excessively high numbers of school children use this route?	✓		Route passes a number of schools and at opening / closure high volumes may travel on service with potential for ASB. Parents collecting children slow service & high pedestrian volumes.	Wrong route taken, failure to pick up customers, company reputation, customer complaints, loss of revenue.	Route learning, driver training, route driven by qualified PCV drivers, risk awareness, road markings, signage, speed restrictions (20 mph) ASB & Vulnerable passenger training.	YES	YES	YES	YES	3	1	4	Company support a number of educational initiatives including School liaison & Support of RISK Factory.	4		
Any expected higher than normal volumes of pedestrians at particular times or days?	✓		1. Morning, evening & weekend peaks 2. Edinburgh festival 3. Edinburgh Christmas & New Year celebrations 4. Edinburgh Marathon 5. Moonwalk 6. Festival Theatre 7. Bingo hall Surgeons Hall 8. City Sporting events	Wrong route taken, failure to pick up customers, customer complaints, company reputations. Increase in pedestrian accidents	Route learning, driver training, route driven by qualified PCV drivers, risk awareness, road markings, signage, speed restrictions (20 mph)	YES	YES	YES	YES	3	1	4		4		

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Evidence of assaults / vandalism occurring on services in areas served		✓	Known ASB Hotspots - Old Dalkeith Road, Mayfield area and Newtongrange - Youths congregate, vandalism / thrown objects, delaying vehicle incl emergency stopping bus.	Driver confronts youths, escalates the problem, passengers/driver at risk. Delayed service, Customer Complaints	Driven by qualified PCV drivers, risk awareness, Driver training, control room procedures, record and report to Police liaison officer, Bus assault alarm.	YES	YES	YES	YES	2	1	3	Vehicle design features include: Driver safety screen, radio and emergency alarms on all vehicles - additional measures - H&S Dept, Police liaison officer to monitor assault and vandalism data, increased levels of vandalism since 2022 & during school Hols. Control monitor, alert, respond, attend & divert services as necessary	4		
Layover and WC facilities suitable and sufficient	✓		Facilities include Sheriffhall Park & Ride. Full details contained on LB Roads.	Driver unable to access toilet facilities	Driver issued a key to access toilets on route, agreement in place with council buildings for drivers to use facilities, Route Learning, LB Roads lists all WC Sites, Control will offer support if reqd.	YES	YES	YES	YES	2	1	3		3		
Evidence to indicate high numbers of passengers with special needs / vulnerability and/or disabilities use this route?	✓		Large numbers of elderly and vulnerable use service for social activities	Harsh braking events, rise in customer complaints, injuries and compensation claims	Route learning, driver training, route driven by qualified PCV drivers, risk awareness, CPC continuous training & awareness incl Safe, Seated Set Campaign	YES	YES	YES	YES	2	2	4		4		
Bus lanes suitably marked, signed & wide enough for vehicles to use?	✓		All bus lanes marked and suitable for use	Drivers make contact with kerb stationary or other road users	Route learning, driver training, route driven by qualified PCV drivers, risk awareness, Report to Control.	YES	YES	YES	YES	2	1	3		3		
Route reviewed in dark and street and/or vehicle lighting levels considered suitable		✓	Route reviewed during daylight hours	Wrong route driven, contact with stationary objects, contact with other road users	Route learning, driver training, route driven by qualified PCV drivers, risk awareness	YES	YES	YES	YES	1	2	3	Incidents & Driver reports monitored by Insurance and Garage management if there is an increased accident rate for services driving during darkness hours an assessment may be required	2		
All drivers have received both route and vehicle familiarisation training for this route and been advised of special arrangements for hazards identified?	✓		Full route training provided. New drivers will be supported by Lead Drivers. Video route is available on Lothian training "YouTube" channel. Vehicle training during initial training, on step up to DD & when new vehicle type introduced to garage.	Wrong route driven, contact with stationary objects, contact with other road users, low bridge strike	Route learning, driver training, route driven by qualified PCV drivers, risk awareness. Diversion notices and routes programmed into Navineo	YES	YES	YES	YES	1	1	2	Driver training / awareness prior to any major route changes	3		
Manual handling training given (ramp operation) Tick as appropriate	✓		Training given to all drivers on how to use manual ramp, which includes general MH principles & safe behaviours.	Unable to serve disabled customers needs	Route learning, driver training, route driven by qualified PCV drivers, risk awareness	YES	YES	YES	YES	1	1	2		2		
Potential impact of adverse weather and access to gritting plans appropriately considered with outcomes communicated		✓	Potential for route to be subject to ice / snow/ flooded roads/ high winds or temperature extremes. All drivers trained & experienced in area with emergency contact 24/7. Existing Management response procedures will apply. Gritting plans held within depot/ Control	Driver operates vehicle in unsafe conditions	Services operate on main roads that are gritted any roads that are not cleared or driveable services will be curtailed or stopped	YES	YES	YES	YES	2	1	3	Weather warnings & conditions are monitored via Control, & advise of Government adhered to. Winter weather guidance issued. Services varied, curtailed or suspended as necessary. Gritting plans retained within control. High Wind protocols operate for some DD services that operate in exposed areas. Summer uniform arrangements.	3		
Is the route approved for rear door operation and Tri-axle vehicles and suitable? Tick as appropriate		✓	Route has not been assessed for Tri-Axle Mid Door Vehicles - this vehicle type should not be used until full assessment of suitability of route and bus stops has been completed	Wrong route driven, contact with stationary objects, contact with other road users. Passengers unable to exit safely	Route risk assessment, Low bridge awareness campaign, CPC courses Driver route training also includes off service routes. Vehicle familiarisation & type specific guidance on MyLothian	YES	YES	YES	YES	3	2	5		5		

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All other route specific risks identified and controlled?	✓		Cameron Toll Roundabout - narrow lanes.	Staff, customers put at risk	H&S dept. company risk assessments, route risk assessments, Driver training	YES	YES	YES	YES	1	1	2	Included as a Hotspot with guidance on LBRoads	2		
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Note - Where any residual risk is identified as Intolerable, the activity must NOT be undertaken. If this impacts on the ability to provide service, alert Head of Operations & Head of Risk immediately.