

13 September 2012**Agenda Item:13****REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHWAYS****INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CAPITAL
PROGRAMMES 2012/13****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek Committee approval for the integrated transport and highways maintenance capital schemes which have not received previous approval (as detailed in paragraph 6 of this report)
2. To provide an update on the progress of the delivery of the integrated transport and highway maintenance capital programmes to be implemented during 2012/13.

Information and Advice

3. The funding for local transport improvements, such as addressing congestion or road safety, is called the integrated transport block. The integrated transport block and highways capital maintenance block allocations both benefit from capital grant funding from the Department for Transport.
4. The funding allocations are detailed below, and were approved by County Council at the meeting on the 23 February 2012. It should be noted that this includes £1m carried over from 2011/12 for potential Local Sustainable Transport Fund match funding and a contribution towards Elkesley A1 junction improvements being carried out by the Highways Agency (approved in November 2011); and an additional investment in road safety (£621k in 2012/13, £350k in 2013/14; and £350k in 2014/15).
5. The Autumn budget statement allocated an additional £50m for transport expenditure. The Authority's share of this pot was £823k and this will support the programmes detailed within this report and its appendices.

Block	Provisional allocations		
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Integrated transport	£7.98m	£6.7m	£7.281m
Highways capital maintenance	£16.157m	£15.97m	£15.102m

6. The detailed integrated transport and capital maintenance programmes were approved at the 8 February 2012 Cabinet meeting. Further development work has, however, been undertaken on the two programmes and some additional schemes have been included as a result of completion of feasibility, design work, community concerns and recent deterioration. An additional 16 schemes have been included in the 2012/13 integrated transport programme (all of which have a forecast cost of less than £50k) and ten additional schemes have been included in the capital maintenance programme:

Schemes added to the integrated transport measures programme

- A6097/Greaves Lane HGV signing – following community concerns
- A638, Eaton pedestrian refuges – following community concerns
- A638/Holme Road, Rockley junction improvement – following community concerns
- B600 Watnall Road (near Back Lane), Nuthall zebra crossing – following community concerns
- Balderton footways footpath improvements – following community concerns
- Caudwell Drive, Mansfield street lighting improvement – following community concerns
- Collingham HGV signing – following community concerns
- Elton to Orston speed limit review – following community concerns
- Leake Road (Costock to East Leake) speed limit review – following community concerns
- Mansfield Woodhouse footpath 42/43 improvements – following community concerns
- Oak Tree Lane/Oakwood Road, Mansfield local safety scheme – following casualty investigations
- Pinford Lane, Elston contribution to new footway – following community concerns
- Plungar Road, Granby speed limit review – following community concerns
- Portland Road, Hucknall puffin crossing – following community concerns
- Smeath Lane, Clarborough environmental weight limit – following community concerns
- Willowbridge Lane, Sutton in Ashfield gating order/prohibition – following community concerns

Schemes added to the capital maintenance programme

- A17 Sleaford Road, Newark (from roundabout to county boundary) carriageway resurfacing – following completion of an adjacent safety scheme
- A611 Derby Road/B6039 Coxmoor Road Junction carriageway resurfacing for traffic loops – due to further deterioration
- B6040 Watson Road, Worksop (from canal bridge to Bridge Place) carriageway surfacing – due to further deterioration
- B6040 Bridge Place, Worksop (from canal bridge to Watson Road) carriageway surfacing – due to further deterioration
- Blyth Road, Worskop street lighting column replacement – due to further deterioration
- C27, Norwell Lane, Cromwell (east of level crossing) infill arch and pipe minor local improvement

- Cocker Beck Bridge, Church Lane, Lowdham parapet replacement – due to deterioration
 - Hillside Road, Blidworth carriageway surfacing – due to further deterioration
 - Trent Lane, Newark – to support adjacent investment
 - Radcliffe on Trent lighting column improvements – to enable festive decorations.
7. Other than schemes deferred until the 2013/14 financial year due to overprogramming,
High Street, Elkesley footway surfacing has been put on hold so that it can be combined with a carriageway scheme to be delivered next year and also to avoid conflict with works on the A1.
8. Three schemes that were previously included in the 2012/13 integrated transport measures programme and a further two from the capital maintenance programme will not be progressed:

Integrated transport measures that will not be progressed

- B6009 Watnall Road, Hucknall zebra crossing – withdrawn at the local Member's request due to location issues
- Chapel Lane, Ravenshead footway – abandoned due to very high costs and physical constraints which could not be overcome to make the scheme viable
- B6034 Church Lane, Edwinstowe footway – abandoned as the landowner is not prepared to relinquish the land required to build the scheme

Capital maintenance schemes that will not be progressed

- C34 Bagthorpe bridge waterproofing – abandoned due to issues with utilities on the bridge
 - River Ryton bridge, Scrooby waterproofing – withdrawn following discussions with local residents (the scheme will be delayed pending the outcome of a request for a road closure).
9. The integrated transport programme includes an allocation of £1m towards measures that would complement the Local Sustainable Transport Fund bid aimed at improving the economy and reducing carbon emissions in the four market towns of Mansfield, Newark, Retford and Worksop. Whilst the Local Sustainable Transport Fund bid for the four market towns was unsuccessful it is still proposed to use this funding to progress some of the planned schemes to improve the economy. It is proposed that the funding will be used to deliver:
- targeted residential and workplace travel planning to reduce congestion
 - car park signage improvements in Mansfield to reduce congestion
 - environmental improvements on Leeming Street, Mansfield to increase the night time economy
 - 'realtime' bus information in Mansfield and Worksop to support bus station improvements
 - small scale pedestrian and cycling improvements on routes to workplaces, and

- a contribution towards supporting the infrastructure requirements of the TITAN bus service review project (such as interchange improvements or a bus smartcard pilot scheme).

Progress on delivery of the programmes

10. Most schemes have now been scheduled for construction and these dates are included on the attached appendices. The remainder of the schemes will be scheduled as soon as possible once feasibility, design work etc. has been completed. Each County Council Member will, however, be provided with monthly bulletins to update them on the schemes planned within their ward including proposed construction dates.
11. Scheme development work is underway for future years' programmes as well as feasibility work on schemes which may be included as reserve schemes for the 2012/13 financial year's programme. Consequently an additional number of reserve schemes have been added to the 2012/13 programme. Reserve schemes could potentially be delivered during the 2012/13 financial year should other schemes become undeliverable or if other funding sources become available – these schemes can be identified on the attached appendices as 'Feasibility/design work only'.

Conclusions

12. The integrated transport block and highway capital maintenance block programmes, detailing the proposed schemes to be delivered during 2012/13 are attached as appendices 1 and 2 respectively to this report. Each of the schemes is subject to the necessary consultation, statutory undertakings and other issues arising from detailed scheme investigation, design and consultation.

Statutory and Policy Implications

13. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) It is recommended that Committee:
 - a) approve the proposed additional integrated transport and capital maintenance schemes as detailed in this report
 - b) approve the revised programmes as shown in the appendices.

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Constitutional Comments (SHB.20.08.12)

14. Committee has power to decide the Recommendation.

Financial Comments (MA 21/08/2012)

15. The financial implications are as detailed in the report and appendices, and will be contained within the overall Transport & Highways Committee Capital Programme for 2012/13

Background Papers

Nottinghamshire Local Transport Plan Strategy 2011/12-2025/26
Nottinghamshire Local Transport Plan Implementation Plan 2011/12-2014/15
Nottinghamshire Local Transport Plan Evidence Base 2010

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All