

21 March 2013

Agenda Item:

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHWAYS

INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CAPITAL PROGRAMMES 2013/14

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. The County Council continues to invest in providing and maintaining a quality highway network for the benefit of local residents, road users and the local economy through a programme including:
 - continued investment in the highway maintenance programmes including additional funding for footway maintenance
 - further investment in highway safety improvements including at the A612 Mile End road junction
 - further investment in the popular interactive speed sign programme (approx. 25 signs)
 - 13 new or improved pedestrian crossings, including a puffin crossing on Derby Road, Stapleford and new zebra crossings on Watnall Road, Nuthall and Musters Road, West Bridgford
 - capacity improvements to help make journey times more reliable including improvements to the A614/A617 Lockwell Hill roundabout
 - continued investment in improving local centres including Derby Road, Stapleford and Tuxford town centre
 - the introduction of bus transport hubs across the county to support the TITAN bus service review.
3. Early discussions have taken place with the designers to enable them to programme both the integrated transport programmes and (with the exception of the local safety schemes which are still being assessed for deliverability) 87% of the integrated transport programme has been briefed for development and construction. Schemes have now been scheduled for construction during quarter one and these dates are included on the attached appendices. Work is ongoing to schedule the remainder of the programme and it is anticipated that the majority of these schemes will be programmed by the end of March. It will not be possible to schedule all of the schemes until 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.

Information and Advice

4. 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.
5. The funding allocations are detailed below, and were approved by County Council at the meeting on the 28 February 2013. It should be noted that the integrated transport block includes £250k carried over from 2012/13 for a contribution towards Elkesley A1 junction improvements being carried out by the Highways Agency (approved in November 2011); a £300k additional contribution towards rail enhancements in 2013/14; and an additional investment in road safety (£350k in 2013/14 and £350k in 2014/15). Similarly, the 2013/14 highways capital maintenance block includes £2.022m additional DfT highways capital maintenance.

Block	Provisional allocations	
	2013/14	2014/15
Integrated transport	£7.1m	£7.556m
Highways capital maintenance	£18.562m	£16.721m

6. The detailed integrated transport and capital maintenance programmes were approved at the 6 February 2013 Transport & Highways Committee 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. Feasibility works on improvements to the A614/A617 Lockwell Hill roundabout scheme have identified increased costs for the scheme and this is reflected in the amended appendices. An additional seven schemes have been included in the 2013/14 integrated transport programme (all of which have a forecast cost of less than £50k). One additional schemes has been included in the capital maintenance programme with a further four schemes added to the reserve programme:

Schemes added to the integrated transport measures programme

- A60 Cuckney to Church Warsop safety cameras – following accident and casualty investigations
- Audon Avenue, Chilwell residents' parking scheme – following the review of recent and planned transport developments in Beeston
- Botany Avenue/Marriott Close area residents parking scheme amendment – following community concerns
- Endsleigh and Muriel Gardens area, Beeston residents' parking scheme – following the review of recent and planned transport developments in Beeston
- Glebe Street area, Beeston residents' parking scheme – following the review of recent and planned transport developments in Beeston

- Lilac Grove, Beeston waiting restrictions – following the review of recent and planned transport developments in Beeston
- Northgate, Newark residents' parking scheme – following community concerns
- Stapleford Lane, Toton interactive speed sign – following community concerns.

Schemes added to the capital maintenance programme

- Main Street, Harworth – footway resurfacing (follow on from LIS scheme to be completed resurfacing footways between the villages of Harworth and Styrrup).

Schemes added to the capital maintenance programme (reserve schemes)

- Ireland Avenue, Beeston – road resurfacing to tie in with potential footway scheme
- Yorke Drive, Newark on Trent – road resurfacing
- Church Street, Ruddington from B680 Wilford Road to The Green – road resurfacing
- Easthorpe Street, Ruddington from B680 Wilford Road for approximately 50m – road resurfacing

7. Two schemes included in the 2013/14 integrated transport programmes and scheduled for construction during the first quarter have been delayed:
 - A60 Doncaster Road, Oldcotes pedestrian refuge – scheme requires further feasibility and design work due to utilities found in the adjacent verges
 - Derby Road, Bramcote environmental improvements – scheme put on hold due to landowner negotiations.

Conclusions

8. The revised provisional integrated transport and highway capital maintenance programmes, detailing the proposed schemes to be delivered during 2013/14 are attached as appendices 1 and 2 respectively to this report. The appendices also detail the schemes that are scheduled for construction during the first quarter of 2013/14. The programmes are subject to capital budget approvals at the 28 February 2013 County Council meeting. Each of the schemes is also subject to the necessary consultation, statutory undertakings and other issues arising from feasibility studies, detailed scheme investigation, design and consultation.
9. Scheme development work is underway for future years' programmes as well as feasibility work on schemes which have been included as reserve schemes for the 2013/14 financial year's programme. Consequently an additional number of reserve schemes have been added to the 2013/14 programme. Reserve schemes could potentially be delivered during the 2013/14 financial year should other schemes become undeliverable or if other funding sources become available.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. 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

11. 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 integrated transport and capital maintenance programmes as shown in the appendices of this report.

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Constitutional Comments (SHB 25.02.13)

12. Committee has the authority to approve the Recommendation.

Financial Comments (TMR 26/02/13)

13. The financial implications are set out in the report.

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