



**LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN (LTP) CONSTRUCTION
PROGRAMME 2006/07**

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)
28 MARCH 2006**

KEY ISSUE:

To consider the construction programme for the Elmbridge Local Transport Plan (LTP) for 2006/07, and the Forward Plan up to 2010/11.

ELECTORAL DIVISION AND MEMBER: All Divisions.

SUMMARY:

The report confirms the LTP allocation for 2006/07 and, recognising the progress made in the previous year, makes recommendations for the construction programme for 2006/07.

The report also includes the results of the review of all schemes following the adoption of a new assessment procedure and the generic area programme for LTP2 up to 2010/11.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:

- 1) Approves the inclusion of the new schemes identified as part of the Construction Programme review and listed in paragraph 4.2 of this report.
- 2) Approves the schemes proposed in the Construction Programme for 2006/07 in Appendix 'B' and the generic programme up to 2010/11 – as shown in Appendix 'C'.
- 3) Approves the promotion of all Traffic Regulation Orders considered necessary for each scheme, with any objections received being reviewed initially with the Chairman and appropriate Divisional Member.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: Report to the Executive February 2006

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 This Committee is responsible for agreeing the Local Transport Plan (LTP) Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS) programme for Elmbridge. Following Committee approval a number of schemes have been constructed and more are programmed for action in future years.
- 1.2 Members will also be aware that April 2006 will see the commencement of the County's second Local Transport Plan (LTP2) which will cover the period 2006 to 2011. The provisional LTP2 was published last year and the final version will be published in the summer of 2006. Following guidance from the Government there are a number of changes in emphasis in LTP2 compared with its predecessor, including changes to objectives and targets.

2 BUDGET

- 2.1 This Local Committee (Elmbridge) has been allocated a capital sum of £520,00 for the financial year 2006/07. This allocation is established through a formula agreed by the Executive to reflect characteristics of each area (population, length of road, accident statistics, etc).
- 2.2 It is anticipated that the budget can be further supplemented by bids against specific budgets which remain centrally controlled, and by external funding such as development related schemes by working with partners, one example of which is the Elmbridge Housing Trust.
- 2.3 The financial outturns are not yet available but overspends and underspends should be carried forward. Some schemes have been delayed and construction will take place in the first few months of the new financial year. The recommendation for this year's programme takes account of these factors.

3 SCHEME PRIORITISATION METHODOLOGY

- 3.1 As part of the Transportation Service's reorganisation under the Medium Term Strategy, the newly appointed Area Transportation Directors have prepared, in consultation with the LTP Group, a scheme scoring system so that all schemes can be scored countywide using the same scoring criteria.

The new scoring system is based on the five shared priorities set in the new Local Transport Plan, namely:-

- i) Congestion – tackling congestion to reduce delays
- ii) Accessibility – increasing accessibility to key services and facilities
- iii) Safety – improving road safety and security
- iv) Environment – enhancing the environment and quality of life
- v) Maintenance – improving maintenance of our transport network

Under each of these headings there is a range of criteria which each scheme has been assessed against to enable an overall score to be obtained. These scores are then factored according to a weighting value to arrive at a final score from which all schemes have been ranked. The rank of each scheme is included in the forward programme attached at Appendix 'C'.

- 3.2 All schemes currently in the LTP assessment list have been scored and only in a few instances have the anticipated years of construction changed.

4 PROGRESSION OF 2005/06 PROGRAMME AND APPROVAL OF 2006/07 TO 2010/11

- 4.1 The progress made in this year's construction programme is shown in Appendix 'A'. The proposed construction and scheme design programmes for the year 2006/07 and Forward Plan for up to 2010/11 are shown in Appendix 'B' and 'C' respectively.
- 4.2 During the preparation of the construction programme a number of new schemes have been identified. These have all been assessed against the new scoring methodology and are included in the forward plans. For Members' information these are listed below.

Scheme Description and Location

- A307 Portsmouth Road (Near Long Arch) Esher – New Puffin Crossing
- Royal Kent School, Oakshade Road, Oxshott – Safe Routes to School (SRS) Scheme
- Long Ditton Infants, Ditton Hill Road, Long Ditton – SRS Scheme
- Brooklands Road, Weybridge - Linear Safety Scheme
- Ashley Primary School, Ashley Road, j/w New Zealand Avenue, Walton-on-Thames – SRS Scheme
- Walton-on-Thames Area - Parking Scheme
- Esher Area – Parking Scheme
- Long Ditton Area – Parking Scheme

5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Many of these schemes have been generated by or through engagement with the public.
- 5.2 Individual scheme consultation at an appropriate level, and in relation to the size and impact of the scheme, will continue to be carried out and the results reported to this Committee.

- 5.3 Elements of some schemes will require statutory consultation processes.

6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The locally determined LTP Budget for 2006/07 has been set at £520,000. The indication is that we will receive £520,000 for each of the remaining years of LTP2. This is not certain and may need to be amended following the County Council's settlement from central Government. For the purposes of the forward programme an assumption has been made that the County Council will continue to provide £100,000 of Capital Local Allocation.
- 6.2 In addition to the above two sums, the Executive has granted Prudential funding of £150K to proceed with the 'Upping the Street' street scene improvement in Walton-on-Thames High Street.

7 IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 **Sustainable Development:** Sustainability is a specific key objective within the County Council's Local Transport Plan and all schemes developed will have due regard to that.
- 7.2 **Crime and Disorder:** Crime and disorder will be given careful consideration at all stages of scheme development, particularly those schemes involving lighting, visibility and measures for vulnerable users.
- 7.3 **Equalities:** Equalities implications will be given careful consideration at all stages of scheme development, particularly those schemes involving social inclusion and measures for those with mobility and accessibility needs.

8 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The proposals will enable the Elmbridge LTP programme to continue as set out, in accordance with the corporate strategic objectives and financial framework.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME 2005/06 – SUMMARY OF PROGRESS**Appendix ‘A’**

Ref	Project	Approval	Progress	Predicted Net Cost 2005/06	Comments
	CYCLING				
	Cycle routes	Schemes approved in March 2005 following initial identification by the Elmbridge Cycle Forum	All schemes currently under construction – Due for completion by end of March	£75,000	£25,000 funded via TSM
ELTS 083	Facilitate forum and develop strategy	Further allocation for new year.	One forum held in 2005 – Due to staff changes second forum due in April	£5,000	Aim for 2006/07 to review meetings format.
	WALKING				
ELTS 021 ELTS 050	“Accessibility for All” Elmbridge Walking Project	March 2004: continuation of audits and improvements. Development of schemes for Improvements in Esher and Weybridge.	Schemes designed, statutory notices placed. Scheme construction delayed until early in next financial year	£2,500	
ELTS 024	Manor Road North, Hinchley Wood	January 2005	Detailed design and construction completed Scheme currently under construction	£65,000	
	ROAD SAFETY & SPEED MANAGEMENT				

Ref	Project	Approval	Progress	Net Cost 2005/06	Comments
	A245 Stoke Road pedestrian crossing.	September 2005	Feasibility Study completed. Detailed design nearing completion Signal equipment to be bought this year – Scheme construction due in June 2006	£25,000	
	SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS				
	Block allocation for existing travel officer and various small measures.	March 2005	Small scale works carried out or programmed at the following schools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hurst Park Primary • St Lawrence C of E Junior • Thames Ditton Junior • St Paul's RC Primary • Ashley C of E Primary • Cranmere Primary 	£40,000	Continued work with schools in the Borough
	PARKING				
	Commence programme of review and amendment of CPZ's. Preparation for the introduction of DPE	March 2005	Work done in 2005/06 has been directed to the introduction of DPE – In response to existing pressures including Committee commitments to residents of Esher, East Molesey and Weybridge.	£50,000	

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	ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY				
	St Andrew's School and Lockhart Road improvements with EHT.	November 2004	Detailed design and construction completed Scheme currently under construction	£50,000	£100,000 funding from Elmbridge Housing Trust (EHT)

Schemes deferred to later years and/or reassessment

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Partnership schemes with Elmbridge Housing Trust (EHT).	Specific schemes to be reported back.	Investigating Longmore Estate, Hersham and Bankside, Long Ditton.	£40,000	Scheme reassessment has dropped priority.
Rail and interchange	Audit report to be brought to Committee.	Improvements following completion of Stations' audit.	£25,000	Scheme development planned for 2006/07.
Project monitoring and evaluation. Design fees for development of Implementation Programme.		Integral part of LTP process and GOSE submission. Schemes to be identified and progressed during the year.	£35,000	Slower progress in 2005/06 due to other priorities and reducing staff levels.