



## **MINOR IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAMME REVIEW**

### **SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE (GUILDFORD)**

**11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2009**

#### **KEY ISSUE**

This report documents progress on the Minor Improvements programme over the past year and recommends a number of newly identified schemes for addition to the programme as recommended by the Members Task Group.

#### **SUMMARY**

The Transportation Task Group met on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2009 to consider new requests for minor improvements and to review the existing minor highway improvements programme. The recommendations of the Task Group are set out in the report.

#### **REPORT BY**

LOCAL HIGHWAYS MANAGER

#### **SURREY ATLAS REF.**

N/A

#### **GUILDFORD B.C. WARD (S)**

ALL

#### **COUNTY ELECTORAL DIVISION (S)**

ALL

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to agree:

- (i) that the progress made in delivering the minor improvements programme since last year be noted, including the completed projects set out in **ANNEXE A**.
- (ii) that the list of schemes remaining in the forward programme as set out in **ANNEXE B** be noted.
- (iii) that the recommendations of the Transportation Task Group regarding new schemes put forward since last year be approved as set out in **ANNEXE C**, supported by the detail in **ANNEXE D**.
- (iv) that officers be authorised to proceed with any necessary actions including traffic orders, advertisements and notices of intent in order to deliver these projects as soon as 2009/10 budgets are known.

## PROGRESS DURING 2008/2009

- 1 **ANNEXE A** sets out details of those schemes on which progress has been made since April 2008, funded from the 2008/09 LTP settlement.
- 2 **ANNEXE B** lists those schemes remaining in the forward programme, as yet unfunded, on which no work has yet been carried out.

## NEW REQUESTS FOR SCHEMES TO BE ADDED TO THE PROGRAMME

- 3 The Transportation Task Group met on the 27th November 2009 to review progress achieved on existing Minor Improvement Schemes and to consider new requests put forward since last year.
- 4 During the last year, 7 potential new improvements were identified by Officers, Members, Parish Councils and residents. The Transportation Task Group received a detailed presentation on each of these, including an assessment by officers of the opportunity each scheme provided to meet the needs of local communities and the Local Transport Plan (LTP) objectives. These schemes and the Officer and Task Group recommendations are shown in **ANNEXE C**. **ANNEXE D** also shows the detailed assessment considered by the Task Group for each such request.
- 5 Under normal circumstances this report would be (a) proposing schemes for addition to the forward programme, and (b) seeking agreement to a programme of schemes to be funded for the coming financial year. This year's circumstances are different in a number of respects:

- (a) The York Road / London Road junction improvement is behind schedule, and at the time of drafting the report officers have only an approximate cost estimate. This suggests that the cost may be substantially higher than initially predicted. Until the detailed Bill of Quantities and method statements are received it is not possible to determine whether this initial estimate is reasonable, or whether the scope of the works may need to be revisited. The scheme remains a high priority due to the accident rate at the junction.
  - (b) Design resources within the West Area office were centralised in the autumn of 2008. This design pool was not fully staffed at the outset, although agency and consultant staff have subsequently been taken on. A number of the feasibility and design projects listed in **ANNEXE A** are behind schedule, although all but one have been commenced. Three are approaching the stage of consulting residents and other stakeholders.
  - (c) There will be a change in contractual arrangements with the constructor partner with effect from April 2009, resulting in a move from the current arrangements to a fixed price or 'lump sum' basis for all future projects. There is therefore a need to allow the year end to pass in order to re-establish each project under these new arrangements.
  - (d) At the time of drafting this report, officers have not been informed of the budgets available for minor improvements from either Local Transport Plan or Local Capital Allocation funds for 2009/10. That said, these are expected to be broadly similar to those for 2008/09.
  - (e) Equally, it is not clear whether underspent funds will be allowed to be carried forward into the new financial year. In the past this has always been possible, but it has been suggested that projects funded from the additional £5 million which was released part way through 2008/09 may need to be completed before 31 March.
- 6 For all of the above reasons, there is more than sufficient work in hand, that delaying a decision about the programme for next year until the June meeting of the Committee will have no detrimental effects on the programme. In addition, with the County Council elections in June 2009, deferring this matter will enable any newly-elected Members to influence the forward programme.

## **FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7 This report has no immediate financial implications. A further report will be presented at the next meeting of this Committee, once LTP budgets are known. This will recommend which projects should proceed during 2009/10.

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS**

- 8 Each scheme has site-specific environmental & economic implications, which will be described in future reports as each project progresses.

**OPTIONS**

- 9 The Committee may choose to accept or reject the recommendations of its Transportation Task Group.

**CONSULTATIONS**

- 10 All schemes included in the forward programme will be subject to appropriate consultation as they are developed.

**EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 11 This report has no implications for equality and diversity.

**CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 12 This report has no implications for crime and disorder.

**CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 13 This report sets out the officer and task group recommendations for schemes to be included in the forward programme of minor schemes

**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

- 14 A report will be brought, probably to the next meeting of this Committee, setting out the funding available and recommending which schemes should proceed in 2009/10.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS:** None

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## PROGRESS OVER LAST 12 MONTHS

Scheme Code	Scheme Location	Remarks and Reviews
7/303	B3206 Shawfield Road, Ash Pedestrian facilities	Implemented
7/306	Normandy Village Safety Scheme- various including School Safety Zone	
7/316	Station Parade, East Horsley Pedestrian Controlled Crossing	
7/318	A320 Woking Road, J/W The A3 Slip, Guildford Pedestrian Phasing at signal	
7/319	A3100 Portsmouth Rd, St Catherines Environmental Improvement	
7/323	West Clandon Village Safety Scheme	
7/324	A247 Send Barns Rd/Send Marsh Rd, Send Pedestrian phasing at the signal junction	
7/326	Southway, Park Barn Signing and Road markings	
7/335	Seale & Sands Village Village Safety Scheme	
7/343	Guildford Park Road, Guildford Provision of pedestrian crossing facility between the station and Farnham Road	
7/359	A3100 Portsmouth Road, Guildford Pedestrian facility	Under construction
7/337	York Rd j/w London Rd, Guildford Widening of carriageway	See paragraph 5 (a)
7/360	Grange Road, Stoughton [feasibility and detail design only]	Feasibility and consultation completed. Report on this agenda
7/339	A247 Send Barns Lane & Send Road, Send, Provision of Pedestrian & cycle facilities [feasibility and detail design only]	Feasibility largely complete; approaching consultation stage
7/348	A31 Hog's Back, J/W B3000 Puttenham Interchange, Junction Improvements [feasibility and detail design only]	
7/352	East Horsley Village safety scheme [feasibility and detail design only]	
7/345	Aldershot Road, Guildford - Pedestrian facility [feasibility and detail design only]	Feasibility completed. Common Land issues to be resolved
7/329	Onslow Village to Station cycle and pedestrian facilities [feasibility and detail design only]	No Progress
7/349	A25 Midleton Road, Guildford from Dennis roundabout to Ladymead junction- Cycle facilities	No Progress

## SCHEMES AWAITING FUNDING

Scheme Code	Scheme Location	Estimated Cost	ARR %	BCR %
7/120	A25 Shere Rd, Newlands Corner, Shere, Provision of pedestrian facility Total PIA's 0 [(Pedes 0), (P/C 0)]	£140,000	13	3
7/256	A320 Chertsey Street, Guildford j/w North St, Improvements. <i>Related to Friary re-development</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A
7/305	Pirbright Village Safety Scheme Phase II Total PIA's 8 [(Pedes 0), (P/C 0)]	£110,000	160	5
7/313	A248 Kings Road, Shalford Provision of footway & Pedestrian facility Total PIA's 1 [(Pedes 0), (P/C 0)]	£130,000	0	2
7/325	A246 Guildford Road j/w The Street, Effingham Provision of Right Turn Filter Total PIA's 1 [(Pedes 0), (P/C 0)]	£90,000	7	3
7/330	Artington to Town Centre Cycle facilities Total PIA's 17 [(Pedes 1), (P/C 1)]	£100,000	171	7
7/331	Chilworth to Shalford Cycle facilities Total PIA's 9 [(Pedes 0), (P/C 1)]	£120,000	51	3
7/340	A25 Boxgrove Road, Guildford Pedestrian Facility at AA roundabout [Feasibility and detail design only]	£70,000	0	9
7/347	Shere Village Safety Scheme Phase 2 Total PIA's 02 [(Pedes 1), (P/C 1)]	£100,000	50	6
7/351	Egerton Road, park barn – Pedestrian and cycle facilities	N/A	N/A	N/A
7/354	Jacobs Well Rd/Clay lane/ Blanchard Hill, Jacobs Well Safety improvements Total PIA's 11 [(Pedes 0), (P/C 0)]	£240,000	83	2
7/355	Stoughton Area (between Grange Rd and Worplesdon Road)	£1000,000	8	0.5
7/356	A320 Woking Road/Jacobs Well Road Junction Improvements Total PIA's 3 [(Pedes 0), (P/C 0)]	£95,000	28	10
7/358	Vale Road, Ash Safety Improvements Total PIA's 8 (Pedes 0), (P/C 0)	£110,000	91	4

**NEW SCHEMES PUT FORWARD  
WITH OFFICER & TASK GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS**

Scheme Code	Scheme Location	Officer and Task Group Recommendations
N/A	Pirbright Arch Pedestrian footway	<p><b>RECOMMENDED</b> for inclusion into the Assessment list by Officers.</p> <p><b>TASK GROUP AGREED OFFICER RECOMMENDATION.</b></p>
N/A	B3000 New Pond Road j/w Binscombe Lane, Compton Junction Improvement	<p><b>RECOMMENDED</b> for inclusion into the Assessment list by Officers.</p> <p><b>TASK GROUP AGREED OFFICER RECOMMENDATION</b></p>
N/A	B2215 High Street, Ripley Pedestrian facility	<p><b>RECOMMENDED</b> for inclusion into the Assessment list by Officers.</p> <p><b>TASK GROUP AGREED OFFICER RECOMMENDATION</b></p>
N/A	A25 Epsom Road, Merrow Pedestrian Facility	<p><b>NOT RECOMMENDED</b> for inclusion into the Assessment list by Officers.</p> <p><b>TASK GROUP DISAGREED WITH OFFICER RECOMMENDATION –</b> recommended the scheme for inclusion into the Assessment list.</p>
N/A	Palm Grove/Oak Tree Drive, Bellfields Traffic Calming measures	<p><b>NOT RECOMMENDED</b> for inclusion into the Assessment list by Officers.</p> <p><b>TASK GROUP AGREED OFFICER RECOMMENDATION</b></p>
N/A	A25 New Road, Chilworth Controlled Pedestrian crossing	<p><b>NOT RECOMMENDED</b> for inclusion into the Assessment list by Officers.</p> <p><b>TASK GROUP AGREED OFFICER RECOMMENDATION</b></p>
N/A	Queen Eleanor's Road, Guildford Traffic calming Measures	<p><b>NOT RECOMMENDED</b> for inclusion into the Assessment list by Officers.</p> <p><b>TASK GROUP DISAGREED OFFICER RECOMMENDATION -</b> recommended the scheme for inclusion into the Assessment list.</p>

ASSESSMENT OF NEW REQUESTS

<b>Location</b>	Pirbright Arch, Pirbright	
<b>Issue</b>	Concerns about safety of pedestrian using the tunnel. The requests includes footways, Traffic, vehicle Activated Signs, and traffic signals for pedestrian/	
<b>Raised by</b>	Parish Council/Petition/Councillor	
<b>Comments</b>	This is an ongoing issue following the implementation of Pirbright Safety Scheme, which reduced accidents and improved the facilities for pedestrian. There has been a total of 2 PIA's. An opportunity has been risen to introduce footways under the tunnel to help pedestrian.	
<b>Possible solutions</b>	Provision of footway	

**Annual Rate of Return**  
(Accident reduction against cost of scheme) - **101 %**

**Benefit \ Cost Ratio**  
(A scheme's ability to deliver improvements against the cost of the scheme) **16 %**

**3 Year Personal Injury Accident summary**

Year	<i>Slight</i>	<i>Serious</i>	<i>Fatal</i>
2005 (from Sept)	0	0	0
2006	0	0	0
2007	2	0	0
2008 (to August)	0	0	0

**Scheme construction cost (estimated)** **£25,000**

**Reduction in PIA %** **42%**

<b>OFFICER RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>TASK GROUP RECOMMENDATION</b>
Is to be included into the assessment list due to moderate benefits to road safety.	Agrees with officer recommendation.



<b>Location</b>	B3000 New Pond Road, Compton j/w Binscombe Lane	
<b>Issue</b>	Road safety concerns at the junction	
<b>Raised by</b>	Accident Working Group/Parish Council	
<b>Comments</b>	The speed limit was reduced at the tail end of last year to 40mph	
<b>Possible solutions</b>	Junction improvements via road marking, signing, surface treatment etc	

**Annual Rate of Return** **99 %**  
 (Accident reduction against cost of scheme) -

**Benefit \ Cost Ratio** **4 %**  
 (A scheme's ability to deliver improvements against the cost of the scheme)

**3 Year Personal Injury Accident summary**

Year	<i>Slight</i>	<i>Serious</i>	<i>Fatal</i>
2005 (from Sept)	1	0	0
2006	1	0	0
2007	2	0	0
2008 (to August)	2	0	0

**Scheme construction cost (estimated)** **£80,000**

**Reduction in PIA %** **44%**

<b>OFFICER RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>TASK GROUP RECOMMENDATION</b>
Is to be included into the assessment list due to moderate benefits to road safety.	Agrees with officer recommendation.

<b>Location</b>	B2215 High Street Ripley	
<b>Issue</b>	Road safety concerns, for pedestrian and accidents	
<b>Raised by</b>	Parish Council	
<b>Comments</b>	The B2215 is the main road through Ripley used by traffic to access the A3 and also Woking. It is in some locations wide and straight road and lends itself to speeding.	
<b>Possible solutions</b>	Pedestrian facility of some kind to be controlled or not	

**Annual Rate of Return (Accident reduction against cost of scheme) - 42 %**

**Benefit \ Cost Ratio (A scheme's ability to deliver improvements against the cost of the scheme) 4 %**

**3 Year Personal Injury Accident summary**

Year	<i>Slight</i>	<i>Serious</i>	<i>Fatal</i>
2005 (from Sept)	0	0	0
2006	2	0	0
2007	1	0	0
2008 (to August)	2	0	0

**Scheme construction cost (estimated) £110,000**

**Reduction in PIA % 31%**

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION	TASK GROUP RECOMMENDATION
Is to be included into the assessment list due to moderate benefits to road safety.	Agrees with officer recommendation.

<b>Location</b>	A25 Epsom Road, Merrow	
<b>Issue</b>	Safety Concerns for road users	
<b>Raised by</b>	Residents	
<b>Comments</b>	This was as a result of petition submitted by Cllr Carpenter to Local committee. There are already several pedestrian facilities along the road from Bushy Hill Drive to Boxgrove Road.	
<b>Possible solutions</b>	Controlled crossing	

**Annual Rate of Return** **24 %**  
 (Accident reduction against cost of scheme) -

**Benefit \ Cost Ratio** **3 %**  
 (A scheme's ability to deliver improvements against the cost of the scheme)

**3 Year Personal Injury Accident summary**

Year	<i>Slight</i>	<i>Serious</i>	<i>Fatal</i>
2005 (from Sept)	0	0	0
2006	2	0	0
2007	1	0	0
2008 (to August)	2	0	0

**Scheme construction cost (estimated)** **£115,000**

**Reduction in PIA %** **31%**

<b>OFFICER RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>TASK GROUP RECOMMENDATION</b>
Not to be included.	Not agreed with officer's recommendation. To be added to the list and police speed check is also requested.

<b>Location</b>	Palm Grove/Oak Tree Drive, Bellfields	
<b>Issue</b>	Concerns about volume & rat running of traffic. The request is for a Traffic Calming Measures.	
<b>Raised by</b>	Residents	
<b>Comments</b>	A petition was submitted by residents for traffic calming of the road. Most if not all of traffic are residents of adjacent roads.	
<b>Possible solutions</b>	Traffic Calming measures	

**Annual Rate of Return**  
(Accident reduction against cost of scheme) - **0 %**

**Benefit \ Cost Ratio**  
(A scheme's ability to deliver improvements against the cost of the scheme) **0 %**


**3 Year Personal Injury Accident summary**

Year	<i>Slight</i>	<i>Serious</i>	<i>Fatal</i>
2005 (from Sept)	0	0	0
2006	0	0	0
2007	0	0	0
2008 (to August)	0	0	0

**Scheme construction cost (estimated)** **£80,000**

**Reduction in PIA %** **0%**

<p><b>OFFICER RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p>Not to be included to the Minor Improvement List for traffic calming measures.</p> <p>However to be considered for the signing and road marking improvements using Aids to Movements Budget (signs and Road Markings)</p>	<p><b>TASK GROUP RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p>Agrees with officer recommendation.</p> <p>Agrees with officer recommendation.</p>
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<b>Location -</b> A25 New Road, Chilworth	
<b>Issue</b>	
<b>Raised by</b>	
<b>Comments</b>	
<b>Possible solutions</b>	

**Annual Rate of Return** (Accident reduction against cost of scheme) - 0 %

**Benefit \ Cost Ratio** (A scheme's ability to deliver improvements against the cost of the scheme) - 2 %

**3 Year Personal Injury Accident summary**

Year	<i>Slight</i>	<i>Serious</i>	<i>Fatal</i>
2005 (from Sept)	0	0	0
2006	0	0	0
2007	2	0	0
2008 (to August)	0	0	0

**Scheme construction cost (estimated)** £100,000  
**Reduction in PIA %** 0%

<b>OFFICER RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>TASK GROUP RECOMMENDATION</b>
Not to be included.	Agrees with officer recommendation.



<b>Location</b>	Queen Eleanor's Road, Guildford	
<b>Issue</b>	Concerns about volume & rat running of traffic. The request is for a Traffic Calming Measures.	
<b>Raised by</b>	Residents	
<b>Comments</b>	This was as a result of residents petition submitted by Cllr Phillips to Local committee following recent damage only incidents.	
<b>Possible solutions</b>	Traffic Calming measures	

**Annual Rate of Return**  
(Accident reduction against cost of scheme) - **0 %**

**Benefit \ Cost Ratio**  
(A scheme's ability to deliver improvements against the cost of the scheme) **0 %**

**3 Year Personal Injury Accident summary**

Year	<i>Slight</i>	<i>Serious</i>	<i>Fatal</i>
2005 (from Sept)	0	0	0
2006	0	0	0
2007	0	0	0
2008 (to August)	0	0	0

**Scheme construction cost (estimated)** **£110,000**

**Reduction in PIA %** **0%**

<p><b>OFFICER RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p>Not to be included to the Minor Improvement List for traffic calming measures etc.</p> <p>However, officer suggested that to investigate the closure of the A3 link with Highway Agency and Police.</p>	<p><b>TASK GROUP RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p>Not agreed with officer's recommendation. To be added to the list and police speed check is also requested.</p> <p>Agreed with officer recommendation.</p>
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