



**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL
COMMITTEE
UPDATE OF LOCAL
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMME
11 MAY 2007**

KEY ISSUE

To update the Committee on the planned minor improvements programme and details of major maintenance and surface dressing works within Runnymede for 2007/08.

SUMMARY

The regular transportation update is included within Annex 1. This has been updated to reflect the current situation.

ELECTORAL DIVISION AND MEMBER

All divisions

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

- a) That the Committee notes and approves the rolling feasibility, design and construction programme, and funding arrangements, as contained in the report and Annex 1,
- b) the Committee notes the approved major maintenance and surface dressing programme.

1. Background

- 1.1 This is the regular report, which is brought to each Committee meeting. The forward programme is included in Annex 1, and reference has been made in this report to any changes from that presented to Members in February 2007.
- 1.2 The five schemes approved by Members at last year's tour are included within Annex 1. The intention is to hold a similar event this year.

2. Financial update

- 2.1 The Executive have approved a delegated Local Transport Plan budget of £424,000 for the Runnymede area. In addition to this, there is £100,000 of capital Local Allocation funding, which has in past years been used to supplement transportation schemes. It is expected that any under or over spends from 2006/07 (outturns not available at the time of drafting this report) will be carried forward locally. It is anticipated there will be a small underspend within Runnymede. These budgets are supplemented by other sources of funding as appropriate, such as central budgets and S106 monies (from planning applications). This information is detailed in Annex 1.
- 2.2 As reported at the last meeting, there has been a deliberate over allocation. This is because it is unlikely all schemes will be completed.

3.0 Scheme delivery / alterations to the previous reported programme

- 3.1 At the last meeting of this Committee a request was made for a report about the effectiveness of the cycle network in Runnymede. This is the subject of a separate report on today's agenda, which proposes to reduce financial allocations for a number of cycling schemes, and that two schemes are cancelled altogether. The forward programme has been amended in accordance with the recommendations of that report, but will be adjusted appropriately according to the Committee's formal decision.
- 3.2 *Byfleet Road, New Haw*
The pedestrian, passenger transport and cycle improvement scheme along Byfleet Road has been completed since the last meeting of this Committee.
- 3.3 *Trumps Green Road, Virginia Water*
This scheme to provide footway widening under the railway arch near the junction with Lyne Road and a priority give-way traffic calming feature has now been completed.
- 3.4 *Egham by-pass safety fence*
The first phase of this scheme, the provision of a safety barrier between the Runnymede Roundabout and Runnymede Road has now been constructed. The second phase of this scheme, to complete the barrier for the remaining section of the bypass is subject to a separate report on this meeting's agenda. This scheme is centrally funded.
- 3.5 *Virginia Water to A30 cycleway*
This item is covered in a separate report on today's agenda.
- 3.6 *Windsor Road, Pedestrian crossings*
The National Trust have advised the County Council in writing that they are not prepared to offer the necessary land transfer required to complete the original

proposed pedestrian island. This is disappointing as the National Trust were one of the key promoters of the original scheme.

Negotiations are ongoing with the landowner on the other side of the carriageway (McKay Securities Limited – leased to British Airports Authority) who have informally indicated that they may be agreeable. However, their Estates team is considering it and a formal decision has not yet been made. It is for this reason that the scheme is still shown on the construction programme for 2007/08. If it is not possible to secure the land it may be necessary to either abandon the scheme or consider alternatives such as a controlled crossing (puffin), if it is proven such demand exists.

3.7 *Northcroft Road footway scheme*

It was advised at the February meeting of this committee that there were complications with the land transfer due to its “Village Green” status (which includes the area that already has highway rights over it).

In order to progress with the scheme, the land would need to be subject to a compulsory purchase order, the existing highway be stopped up (with associated costs of diverting statutory undertakers plant) and approval obtained from both the Department of Transport (DfT) and the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). Unfortunately DEFRA who ultimately decides whether we can acquire land with “Village Green” status will not offer an informal opinion before a formal application is made. There is the possibility that the application may not succeed. Due to the number of variables it is not possible to put a precise figure on the potential legal costs, but it could well be in the region of £30-50,000.

To complete the above would significantly raise the scheme cost above the approved construction budget of £60,000, which has an impact on the schemes justification. Whilst there are undoubted merits to the proposal, with the absence of any recorded injury accidents it is difficult to justify this potential level of expenditure. It is for these reasons that the scheme has been removed from the forward programme.

3.8 *Egham Bypass footway link*

Committee considered this in June 06. Originally it was the Hummer Road to Windsor Road cycleway, although the Committee agreed to cancel the scheme but continue with the footway link along Egham Bypass. It was shown in the forward programme as for construction in 2008/09. The scheme has been brought forward to 2007/08 to enable the construction to take place simultaneously with the second stage of the Egham By-pass safety barrier works. This will minimise inconvenience to the travelling public and reduce traffic management costs.

3.9 *Other amendments*

In this financial year the estimate for the design costs for Chertsey Road pedestrian scheme design costs has increased to £7,500. For 2008/09 the construction cost for the Prycroft Road junction review (possibly including crossing – subject to feasibility) has increased to £100,000 and for the Green Lane puffin to £90,000. These revised figures are more consistent with recent scheme estimate and costs we have received from our constructor, Ringway.

4. **Major Maintenance and surface dressing programme**

4.1 The programmed major maintenance schemes (full resurfacing) for Runnymede in 2007/08 are:

- Bagshot Road – between Larksfield and St Judes Road
- Longcross Road – between Lyne Lane and entrance to Fan Court Farm
- A30 London Road – between 160m NE Blacknest Road to 262m NE of Christchurch Road

Due to funding being made available at the end of the last financial year, the first two schemes were completed in March. If additional roads are promoted, Members will be made aware through the monthly update.

4.2 The following roads are to benefit from surface dressing. This is a lower cost than full resurfacing and extends the useful life cycle of the road surface:

- A30 London Road – County boundary to Meadow Road
- Eastworth Road – Guildford Street to west of Fordwater Road
- Chilsey Green / Prycroft Road – Bell Bridge to Thorpe Road
- St Judes Road – Willow Walk to A30
- Thorpe Lea Road – New Wickham Lane R/B to Ayebridges Road
- Woodham Lane – Scotland Bridge Road to Farris Lane
- Thorpe Lea Road – Clockhouse Lane East to Ten Acre Lane
- Christchurch Road – Callow Hill to Station Parade
- Stroude Road / Manorcorfts – New Wickham Lane to Wesley Drive
- Corrie Road – Station Road to Pitson Close
- Crimp Hill – Bishopsgate Road to Ridgemean Road
- Wick Road / Wick Lane – A30 London Road to Bishopsgate Road
- Ten Acre Lane – Thorpe Bypass to Village Road (exc R/B)

Details of construction dates for all of the above will be included in the Members' monthly bulletin. Advance notice of works will be given by notice boards onsite, advisory letters to residents and by advertisement on the Surrey County Council website.

5. Conclusion

5.1 There is an agreed full programme for improvement works in the Runnymede area. The approved schemes are consistent with Surrey County Council's LTP objectives. It is recommended that following this years Members' tour the forward programme for future years is revised to ensure that it is consistent with the Committee's priorities and to ensure a full and beneficial future work programme.

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