



OFFICER REPORT TO SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE

UPDATE OF LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMME 8 FEBRUARY 2008

KEY ISSUE

To update the Committee on the planned minor improvements programme

SUMMARY

The regular transportation update is included within Annex 1.

ELECTORAL DIVISION AND MEMBER

All divisions

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee (Runnymede) is asked to:

- a) **Note and approve the rolling feasibility, design and construction programme, and funding arrangements, as contained in the report and annex 1.**

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1 Since the formation of the Local Committee there has been a regular item updating Members on the minor improvements programme within Runnymede. Over the years a number of reports have been presented to this Committee and formed the basis for the forward programme.
- 1.2 Each year consideration is given by Members for new sites to be included in the forward programme. This year's review will be arranged for late spring / early summer.

2.0 Scheme delivery / alterations to the previous reported programme

2.1 Egham by-pass footway link

This scheme was constructed to programme in November.

2.2 Egham by-pass safety kerbing, Runnymede Roundabout

The construction of the above followed immediately on from the Egham by-pass footway link to minimise disruption to the travelling public and was completed in November.

2.3 St Judes Road northern crossing

The construction of the controlled Puffin crossing and associated pedestrian improvements was substantially complete at the last meeting of this Committee but not operational. The crossing was commissioned in late November and is now fully operational. The delay in commissioning the crossing was due to difficulties in the supply of the signal heads.

2.4 Chertsey to Thorpe cycleway

Planning permission has been applied for alterations to the stone stile at the Thorpe end of the route. The original application was withdrawn after objections from English Heritage. The subsequent planning application was not determined as the Planning Committee requested additional information. To satisfy this requirement meetings were held with the Police Crime Reduction Officer, and the required information has now been provided. It is due to go before the Planning Committee later this month.

2.5 *Egham Sports Centre to Egham Station cycle link*

This scheme was substantially constructed with the cooperation of the Egham Sports Centre before Christmas.

2.6 *Chertsey Meads Bridge*

This is being progressed by our Structures division. It is due for completion this coming spring.

2.7 *Drill Hall Road footway*

A feasibility study has been completed for extending the footway on the eastern side of Drill Hall Road from the junction with London Street for a distance of 47 metres. This has been on the approved forward programme for a number of years. There is an existing continuous footway on the western side of the road. To construct the footway several trees would need to be removed, land obtained from the grounds of 69 London Street and a new brick wall built. The estimated cost is approximately £40k. The scheme would have limited benefit, impact on the street scene and be of considerable cost. Following consultation with the Chairman, Divisional Member and property owner this scheme has been deleted from the forward programme. A copy of the feasibility study is available upon request.

2.8 *Windsor Road Pedestrian Island*

As reported at the May 2007 meeting of this Committee, negotiations with the National Trust did not result in the required additional land being acquired. SCC are seeking to obtain land via the planning process for a development on the northern side of Windsor Road (McKay Securities Ltd). The application is due to be considered at appeal. It is for this reason that the scheme remains on the programme and will be carried forward to 2008/09.

3. **Major Maintenance**

3.1 The Executive has approved a revised method of prioritising major maintenance (carriageway resurfacing) works across the County. 60% of the available funding will be used for major reconstruction with the other 40% for preventative work such as surface dressing. Various criteria are considered within the three headline categories

- Road condition
- Public or Member priority
- Road type and usage

The three roads each County Member promoted have been included for detailed assessment.

- 3.2 The agreed programme for Runnymede has not yet been determined but should be available in mid February. The Local Highway Manager will advise all Members when this information is available, and it will be formally reported at the May meeting of this Committee.

4. Countywide Vehicle Activated Sign programme

- 4.1 The Executive has approved £450,000 countywide for new Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS). A total of 23 additional sites have been selected from Member suggestions, Police and County Officer promoted locations and accident statistics. The Runnymede Area Casualty Reduction Officer (Surrey Police) and the Local Highway Manager (Surrey County Council) undertook a joint inspection of the sites to assess their suitability.
- 4.2 Seventeen of these new signs are the smaller 30mph or 40mph roundels, such as those erected last year on Woodham Lane, (Woodham) and Church Road, (Addlestone).
- 4.3 This is central funding and therefore does not impact on the LTP and Local Allocation budgets under the control of this Committee.

5. Countywide Variable Message Sign programme

- 5.1 The County Council is installing a number of variable message signs across the network, six of these are planned for Runnymede, near to the motorway junctions. The sites are

The Avenue, Egham

The Causeway, Egham

Windsor Road, Egham

The Egham by-pass, Egham

St Peter's Way, Addlestone (east of the M25 junction)

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- 5.2 These signs will provide traffic information to improve driver knowledge and hence journey time and road safety. The County Council's Network Management Centre will manage the information they display.
- 5.3 Funding has been approved by the Executive from the LTP capital grant. It has no direct impact on budgets under the control of this Committee.

6. Safety Cameras

- 6.1 A presentation was made by the Surrey Safety Camera Partnership to this Committee in February 2007. This explained the policy for installing safety cameras and how they are only installed at locations where they will have a real impact in reducing vehicles collisions. Last year a permanent speed safety camera was installed on Byfleet Road (A318), New Haw.
- 6.2 Following detailed analysis of accidents on New Haw Road (A318), a new static speed safety camera is to be located near to its junction with Bates Walk.
- 6.3 A combined red light and speed violation camera is to be installed on Chertsey Road (A317) at the junction with Eastworth Road (A317), often referred to as Clay Corner. There have been a number of injury accidents where vehicles travelling northbound have driven through a red traffic signal and been in conflict with vehicles exiting Eastworth Road.
- 6.4 All costs are met by the Safety Camera Partnership and there is no impact on budgets under the control of this Committee.

7. Consultation

- 7.1 Appropriate consultation will be undertaken at all stages of all scheme delivery. This will include Members, Police and residents as appropriate.

8. Value for money and financial implications

- 8.1 For 2007/08 the Executive approved a delegated Local Transport Plan (LTP) budget of £424,000 for the Runnymede area. In addition to this, there is £100,000 of capital Local Allocation (LA) funding. These budgets are supplemented by other sources of funding as appropriate, such as central budgets and S106 monies (from planning applications).
- 8.2 The current projection is that the local LTP and LA budgets for 2007/08 will be fully spent in accordance with the approved programme.
- 8.3 At the time of writing this report, the devolved budgets available to this Committee in 2008/09 have not been determined. For the purposes of forward planning, it has been assumed that the allocation is comparable to those in 2007/08. The actual devolved budgets will be reported to the May meeting of this committee, but if there is any significant variation from the projection, members of the Committee will be advised as soon as this is known.
- 8.4 Consistent with previous updates there has been a deliberate over allocation. This is because minor improvement schemes do on occasion become delayed and not completed in the original timescale (for example Windsor Road – see above). Officers will ensure that the budgets are properly managed and used in

line with the agreed priorities of the Committee. The update will continue to be reviewed to reflect scheme progress and available funding in the next financial year.

- 8.5 Schemes will be designed and constructed by the County Council's partner constructor, Ringway.

9. Equality and diversity implications

- 9.1 None

10. Crime and disorder implications

- 10.1 None

11. Conclusion and recommendations

- 11.1 There is an agreed full programme of improvement works in the Runnymede area. The approved schemes are consistent with Surrey County Council's LTP objectives.

12. What happens next

- 12.1 Officers will work to deliver the approved programme.

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