



JOINT COMMITTEE (RUNNYMEDE)

DATE: 29 MARCH 2021

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SUBJECT: HIGHWAYS UPDATE

DIVISION: ALL DIVISIONS

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

To report progress made with the delivery of proposed highways and developer funded schemes, and revenue funded works for the 2020/21 financial year.

To provide an update on the latest budgetary position for highway schemes and revenue maintenance.

To agree the proposed programme of capital ITS (improvements) schemes for 2021/22.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Joint Committee (Runnymede) is asked to:

- (i) **Note** the progress with schemes and revenue funded works for the 2020/21 financial year.
- (ii) **Note** the budgetary position.
- (iii) **Note** that a further Highways Update will be brought to the next meeting of this Committee.
- (iv) **Agree** the proposed capital ITS works programme for 2021/22 shown in table 2 in section 2.3 of this report.
- (v) **Agree** that authority is delegated to the Area Highways Manager to allocate the £100,000 capital maintenance budget to support the implementation of the capital maintenance programme for 2021/22.
- (vi) **Authorise** the Area Highways Manager to undertake all necessary actions to deliver the capital works programme, consulting with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Divisional Members where necessary.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The above recommendations are made to enable progression of all highway related schemes and works.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 Surrey County Council's Local Transport Plan (LTP) states the aim of improving the highway network for all users, through measures such as reducing congestion, improving accessibility, reducing personal injury accidents, improving the environment and maintaining the highway network so that it is safe for all users.

2. ANALYSIS:

2.1 Joint Committee Finance

Capital budget 2020/21

- 2.1.1 The capital budget for the 2020/21 financial year was £240,736.

Capital Budget 2021/22

- 2.1.2 The Runnymede Joint Committee will receive a capital budget of £537,000 for the 2021/22 financial year, comprising of £296,000 for the delivery of ITS (highway improvement) schemes and £241,000 for the delivery of capital maintenance schemes, such as resurfacing.
- 2.1.3 The capital maintenance budget of £241,000 consist of £100,000 allocated to the Joint Committee and a County Member capital allocation of £23,500 per member.
- 2.1.4 Both the £100,000 Joint Committee allocation and the County Member capital allocation are to be used for capital maintenance projects, such as resurfacing works, rather than being used to supplement the ITS capital budget.

2.2 Joint Committee capital works programme 2020/21

- 2.2.1 The capital works programme is shown as a combined programme of both ITS and capital maintenance works in Table 1 to provide a clearer picture of works and budgets. This programme was formally approved by the Runnymede Joint Committee at its public meeting held on 9 March 2020.

Scheme Name	Scheme Type/Limits	Progress	Estimated Cost
A320 Chertsey Lane Railway Bridge	Improved signing of low railway bridge	Detailed design complete. Installation of signs due by the end of March 2021.	£20,000
Chertsey Bridge Weight Limit	Make new traffic regulation order on environmental grounds with appropriate exemptions.	Traffic Order advertised.	£5,000
Signing / road markings / pedestrian dropped kerbs	Various minor ad-hoc works	All works due to be completed by the end of March 2021	£17,000

A318 Chertsey Road	Carriageway maintenance	Complete	£17,654
A320 Staines Road - LSR	Works in central reservation	Complete	£23,456
Pooley Green Road	Carriageway maintenance	Complete	£21,432
St Jude's Road/Bond Street	Carriageway maintenance	Complete	£5,137
St Jude's Road/Bagshot Road	Carriageway maintenance	Complete	£18,319
Lyne Lane/Green Road	Carriageway maintenance	Complete	£19,299
Almners Road/Lyne Crossing Road	Carriageway maintenance	Complete	£4,157
Woodham Lane (speed tables)	Carriageway maintenance	Due to be completed before the end of March 2021	£23,456
Castle Hill Road junction with Ridgemead	Carriageway maintenance	Complete	£11,144
Longcross Road junction with Kitsmead Road	Carriageway maintenance	Complete	£20,086
Coopers Hill Lane	Carriageway maintenance	Complete	£4,814
Murray Road junction with Slade Road	Carriageway maintenance	Complete	£15,886

Table 1 - 2020/21 Capital works programme

2.3 Joint Committee proposed capital ITS works programme 2021/22

2.3.1 The proposed programme shown in table 2 was informally discussed and agreed in principle during a private meeting of the Joint Committee held on 10 March 2021.

2.3.2 All costs shown in table 2 are estimated and the programme value intentionally exceeds the available budget to enable flexibility of delivery. The list is presented in priority order and it is suggested that the Committee adopt a flexible approach to the list so that as schemes develop, the programme can be adapted to the available budget.

Scheme Name	Detail/Limits	Estimated Cost (£)
Eastworth Road, Chertsey - Pedestrian crossing	New controlled crossing near Tesco express	£120,000

A30 London Road/Christchurch Road, Virginia Water	Introduce pedestrian facilities/right turn filter	£150,000
A328 Priest Hill, Englefield Green	Speed limit assessment	£12,500
Bishopsgate Road & surrounding roads, Englefield Green	Speed Limit Assessment	£12,500
Hardwick Lane	Speed Limit Assessment	£12,500
New Haw Road, New Haw - Pedestrian Crossing	Improved pedestrian crossing facility	£15,000
Manorcrofts Road, Egham	Extension of 30mph speed limit	£10,000
Signs, lines and dropped kerbs	Ad-hoc works at various locations	£30,000

Table 2 – Proposed Capital works programme for 2021/22

2.4 Capital maintenance projects.

- 2.4.1 County Members have been provided with a list of proposed capital maintenance schemes in their division to be considered for funding with their £23,500 capital allocation.
- 2.4.2 As it is not possible to form a programme of resurfacing schemes that total £23,500 precisely it is proposed that the £100,000 Joint Committee capital allocation is used to supplement individual maintenance schemes where necessary. This will allow greater flexibility in which schemes can be promoted and help to ensure that priority schemes can be afforded. It is intended that so far as is practicable, the £100,000 Capital Maintenance allocation is spread as evenly as possible across all Divisions.
- 2.4.3 It is requested that each County Member gives approval for the various alternative schemes listed for their area, so that these can be tailored to the budget and that alternatives can be delivered in the event of finding schemes are being delivered through other central works programmes. If Members would like to propose alternative maintenance schemes, then they should advise the Area Highway Team who will then assess the sites and provide estimated costs.
- 2.4.5 Although approval for each capital maintenance scheme will rest with the individual County Member, it is recommended that approvals for all schemes are given at the earliest opportunity to ensure delivery this financial year. Resurfacing schemes can be delivered in the Autumn and Winter quarters but delivery risks are increased, and so it is preferable to ensure completion in the summer if possible.
- 2.4.6 The programme of capital maintenance schemes approved by County Members for their division will be detailed in the Highways Update report presented at the next meeting of the Runnymede Joint Committee.

2.5 Member Highway Fund

- 2.5.1 Each County Councillor will again receive a Member Highway Fund allocation of £7,500 for 2021/22.
- 2.5.2 The Maintenance Engineer for Runnymede will provide guidance and assistance, organise cost estimates, and raise orders to ensure delivery of works.
- 2.5.3 To ensure that this fund is effectively spent, and to enable highways contractors to deliver works before the end of the financial year, all works should be agreed by 31 October 2021.
- 2.5.4 In the event of no firm spending decisions being made, the Maintenance Engineer will determine suitable works and organise their delivery.
- 2.5.5 A summary of spend progress of the 2020/21 Member Highway Fund is shown in Table 3, below.

Member	Allocation (£)	Spend to date (£)
Mark Nuti	7,500	7,500 committed.
Yvonna Lay	7,500	7,500 committed.
John Furey	7,500	7,500 committed.
Mel Few	7,500	7,500 committed.
Marisa Heath	7,500	7,500 committed.
Mary Angell	7,500	7,500 committed.
Total	45,000	45,000 committed

Table 3 – 2020/21 Member Highway Fund spend progress

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 Options, where applicable, are presented in this report.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 Consultation is routinely carried out for highway-related schemes with relevant key parties, including residents, Local Members, Surrey Police and Safety Engineering. Specific details regarding consultation and any arising legal issues are included in individual scheme reports as appropriate.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 Proposed ITS schemes are prioritised to ensure that the maximum public benefit is gained from any funding made available. So far as is practicable, Officer proposals follow the Countywide scheme assessment process (CASEM) and the prioritisation order determined by this.
- 5.2 The Committee Capital and Revenue Maintenance budgets are used to target the most urgent sites where a specific need arises, to keep up with general

maintenance activities that reduce the need for expensive repairs in the future, and to support local priorities. The nature of these works is such that spend may vary slightly from that indicated.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 It is an objective of Surrey Highways to treat all users of the public highway equally and with understanding. An Equalities Impact Assessment is undertaken for each Integrated Transport Scheme as part of the design process.

7. LOCALISM:

- 7.1 The Joint Committee's programme of works includes schemes across all Divisions that will benefit both local communities and wider highway users.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications arising from this report
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications arising from this report
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications arising from this report
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications arising from this report
Public Health	No significant implications arising from this report

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 9.1 The Committee is asked to note the progress with all schemes and budgets.
- 9.2 It is recommended that a further Highways Update is presented at the next meeting of this Committee.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 10.1 Officers will continue to progress delivery of all schemes and ensure effective use of all budgets.

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Consulted: n/a

Annexes: n/a

Sources/background papers: n/a

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