

CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

PROGRESS AS EXPECTED

2013/14 Capital schemes programmed for delivery in quarter 2

23 out of 28 capital schemes, due for delivery in quarter 2, have either been completed or are progressing as planned, and are detailed below. For details of the remaining schemes please see the 'Progress not as Expected' section.

A, B and C Roads

- **A583 Riversway from lighting column 57 to Blackpool Road (Preston West)** – carriageway surface dressing works have been carried out.
- **Carriageway resurfacing works have been carried out in the following locations** – A59 New Hall Lane from Rigby Street to outside house 138-140 (Preston South East); A59 New Hall Lane at the Blackpool Road roundabout junction (Preston East); A5085 Blackpool Road from Stocks Road to the pedestrian crossing outside Tesco (Preston Central South); A5085 Blackpool Road from Parkside to Lowthorpe Road (Preston Central North) and Preston Road from Douglas Lane to the boundary (Preston Rural).

Rural Unclassified

- **Horns Lane from Inglewhite Road to Back Lane (Preston Rural)** – carriageway surface dressing works have been carried out.

Bridges

- **New Mill Bridge (Preston Rural)** – the bridge will be strengthened by replacing the filling material with concrete. LCC are currently preparing the scheme and are in negotiations with the Environment Agency regarding the timings of work in the river as it will affect when work can be carried out. The progress of the scheme will be reviewed in quarter 3 2013/14.

Urban Unclassified

- **Surface dressing works have been carried out in the following locations** – Farrington Park Estate (Preston East and Preston South East), and Grange Estate (Preston East).
- **Carriageway resurfacing works have been carried out in the following locations** – Manchester Road from Church Street to Shepherd Street (Preston Town Centre); full length of Parkside in Deepdale (Preston Central North); Ripon Street from Garstang Road to Plungington Road (Preston Central North); Aqueduct Street from Bold Street to Inkerman Street (Preston Central South); Silverdale Drive from house 18 to 61 (Preston East); Plungington Road from Aqueduct Street to house 174 (Preston Central South).

Local Priorities Response Fund

- **Carriageway resurfacing works have been carried out in the following locations** – A5085 Blackpool Road from Parkside to Lowthorpe Road (Preston Central North) and Broadgate from Wolseley Road to Maresfield Road (Preston City).

- **Old Tram Bridge (Preston City)** – a study of this bridge has been completed and we are currently reviewing the options. Due to the age of the structure, a substantial investment will be required to address the deterioration, options are being considered to either refurbish or replace the structure.

- **Cadley Causeway Railway Footbridge on Cadley Causeway (Preston North)** – work on the footbridge was completed in September 2013. We have worked to avoid disruption by fabricating a new footbridge at a workshop away from the site. The works also took place at night over two weekends when the road and railway were closed, to allow a large crane to lift out the old footbridge (which was taken away for recycling), and enable a new footbridge to be installed.

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- **Oxheys Bridge maintenance on the A5085 Blackpool Road (Preston Central South)** – the refurbishment of the bridge which included repairs to the concrete pipe bays and re-painting all the steelwork was completed in July 2013. This was a very challenging project over the electrified West Coast Main Line railway and virtually all of the work had to be undertaken during night-time at weekends.
- **Oxheys Bridge parapet safeguarding on the A5085 Blackpool Road (Preston Central South)** – this scheme will provide a safety fence in the south footway similar to the existing one on the north footway. We have now devised a solution to avoid the buried utilities and are awaiting programming information from the contractor to enable the new safety fence to be installed. The progress of this scheme will be reviewed in quarter 3 2013/14.

Capital schemes carried over from 2012/13 for delivery in quarter 2 2013/14

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PROGRESS NOT AS EXPECTED

2013/14 capital schemes programmed for delivery in quarter 2 which have been delayed

Footways

- **Full length footway resurfacing works have been delayed at the locations below due to works at Broughton Roundabout. It is anticipated that these works will be programmed to take place during quarter 3 2013/14** – Ringwood Road (Preston Central North), and Ipswich Road (Preston East).
- **Southern Parade (Preston Town Centre)** – footway resurfacing works have been delayed, works are being planned to ensure minimum disruption is caused. The progress of the scheme will be reviewed in quarter 3 2013/14.

Urban Unclassified

- **The following micro asphalt schemes have been reviewed and will be carried out in quarter 3 2013/14** – Cam Street from Ringwood Road to the end (Preston Central North), and Lytham Road from Woodplumpton Road to the railway bridge (Preston Central South).

Local Sustainable Transport Fund Update

- **North Road section** – The modernisation of the North Road/Ringway is currently at the design stage which is anticipated for delivery in quarter 4 2013/14. The works will include improvements to the signals and crossings at the junction.
- **Gateway cyclist and pedestrian improvements on London Road to encourage joint use** – a detailed design specification is being created with works are anticipated for quarter 3 2013/14.
- **Preston Railway Station Parking** – negotiations with Virgin Trains regarding cycle parking and locker facilities are currently ongoing with steady progress being made. The progress of these negotiations will be reviewed in quarter 3 2013/14.
- **Preston Station cycle link** – LCC are currently negotiating the programming of works with Network Rail. The progress of the negotiations will be reviewed in quarter 3 2013/14.
- **Preston signing of pedestrian and cycle routes** – relevant locations have been identified and specifications have been completed. It is anticipated that delivery will take place in quarter 3 2013/14.

SERVICE UPDATE

Environment and Community Projects

Preston Guild Wheel update

A 'pedestrian' logo has now been added to many of the white-painted cycle logos that appear on the path surfaces throughout the route. 50 "share with care" signs have been erected. There have been modifications to some of the surfacing of the cattle grids, which previously were slippery during the rain. The Guild Wheel received the North West Institution of Civil Engineer's Community Award; this coincided with the first anniversary of the Wheel.

Road and Street Maintenance: Pothole Repair

2013/14	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	13/14 Target
Preston						
Monthly % of potholes filled within 30 days	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	90%
Total % of potholes filled within 30 days	100%	99%	99.6%	99.8%	99.8%	
Lancashire						
Total % of potholes filled within 30 days	99%					90%

The 2013/14 directorate year-end target for fixing potholes identified through Highway Safety Inspections (HSIs) within a 30 day period is 90%. This target is currently being achieved in Preston and Lancashire. In Preston 1653 potholes were identified through HSIs between April and August 2013, of which 1650 (99.8%) were repaired within 30 days.

Fishergate Central Gateway Project

Phase 2 of the work started on site as planned in August 2013, with a "soft start" (minimal works with lane reduction in place), to enable people to familiarise themselves with the road works, and these works will be on site until mid November, finishing in time for the Christmas period. The top of Lune Street and a small section of Fishergate have been reduced to one lane for vehicles, footways have been reduced in width, with a temporary road closure of Chapel Street in one direction only (closed going into Chapel Street from Fishergate). This allows for the safe construction of the works whilst importantly maintaining access to Fishergate, and all businesses/people affected by this temporary closure were informed in advance. The contractor has appointed a Customer Liaison Officer whose role is to meet with the businesses to ensure that any issues that may arise are dealt with promptly and in conjunction with LCC. Phase 3 will start in January 2014 with completion anticipated for July 2014. Businesses and stakeholders have been informed of progress through both regular update briefing notes and through specific "City Talk" events aimed specifically at the business community. Discussions remain ongoing with Network Rail and Virgin Trains exploring the integration of an improved station forecourt into the wider Fishergate Central gateway scheme.

Wave 2 City Deal

The City Deal for Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire was signed in September 2013. This will help make central Lancashire one of the fastest-growing areas in the country for the next decade. The City Deal sets out a detailed plan to support the creation of more than 20,000 new jobs including 5,000 in the Lancashire Enterprise Zone, around 17,000 new homes and nearly £1 billion in economic growth over the next decade. The City Deal will deliver the essential infrastructure required to facilitate the full development of significant housing and commercial development schemes which will include four major new roads, a motorway junction, and the necessary local community infrastructure required to support the scale of such ambitious development.

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN: CAPITAL SCHEMES

A6 Broughton Congestion Relief

Improvements to the Broughton Roundabout on Junction 1 of the M55 are currently underway. So far construction work has focussed on creating more space for traffic on the roundabout, and improving streetlights, traffic signals, and drainage. Various night-time road closures will take place during quarter 3 to ensure work is carried out with minimal disruption. The progress of the scheme will be reviewed at the end of quarter 3 2013/14.

Targeting Key Growth Corridors

During September, a number of schools in Preston and Lancaster took part in cluster sessions which involved training on the "ModeshiftSTARS" web based resource. The resource is a toolkit used by schools across the country to assist with travel planning. The attendees were introduced to the toolkit and are using it to record their information, issues and actions. In total, 23 educational establishments were engaged through this training. Plans are being developed for the launch of the Children's Traffic Club (CTC) in late October/early November 2013. The CTC is a proven and effective child road safety programme and it is already proving popular, with one school having signed up over 250 parents to the initiative.

Central Lancashire Highways and Transport Master plan

The Masterplan Delivery team is now in place. Following the signing of the City Deal the team is formulating a programme for the delivery of the highway schemes included in the Masterplan to concord with the acceleration of the Masterplan afforded by the City Deal. The schemes are Preston Western By-pass, and the improvements to the A582 corridor through South Ribble and Preston.