

CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

PROGRESS AS EXPECTED

2013/14 Capital schemes programmed for delivery in quarter 2

15 out of 19 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.

Urban Unclassified

- **Thornton Road from Marine Road to Dallam Avenue (Morecambe North)** - carriageway resurfacing works have been carried out.

Bridges

- **Carnforth Canal Footbridge and Higher North Road Bridge (Lancaster Rural North)** – design and preparation works have started. The progress of the scheme will be reviewed in quarter 3 2013/14.

Local Priorities Response Fund

- **Arncliffe Road (Heysham)** - carriageway and footway reconstruction works have been carried out.

Local Sustainable Transport Fund

- **Lancaster Railway Station (Lancaster Central)** – a parking scheme has been agreed by Virgin Rail and will be implemented by Lancaster City Council in November 2014.

- **Highland Brow speed limit and accident reduction (Lancaster Rural East)**

This scheme is deemed not necessary due to a lowering of the speed limit from 50 to 40mph and the reduction in accidents at the site. A potential nearby section 278 development also includes changes to the junction on this road.

Road Safety

- **Footway conversion to cycle path at Morecambe Road (Penhyrn Road toucan, Skerton)** – a Cabinet Member report is being prepared for a decision to take place as to whether the works can go ahead in November 2013. The progress of this scheme will be reviewed in quarter 3 2013/14.

A, B and C Roads

- **Aldrens Lane (Skerton)** - surface strengthening works have been carried out.
- **Coastal Road (Morecambe North)** - carriageway resurfacing works have been carried out.
- **Oxcliffe Road from the Pumping Station to Woodlands Drive (Morecambe West/Heysham)** - carriageway surface inlay works have been carried out.
- **Bentham Road at Wennington from the junction of Ravensclose Road to the county boundary (Lancaster Rural East)** - drainage and carriageway resurfacing works have been carried out.
- **Main Street in Hornby from Station Road to Fall Kirk (Lancaster Rural East)** - surface inlay works have been carried out.
- **C506 Gressingham highway embankment (Lancaster Rural East)** - The land has been assessed for slippage and it has been deemed that repairs at this stage are not required. The situation will continue to be monitored.

Traffic Signals

- **Bolton-le-Sands By-Pass Road/Coastal Road (Lancaster Rural North)** - design and survey work to upgrade and replace traffic signal equipment is currently underway. Signal equipment has been ordered and it is anticipated that works will be carried out by quarter 4 2013/14.

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

Bridges

- **Greyhound Viaduct Study (Skerton/Lancaster East)** - design and preparation works have started; the progress of the scheme will be reviewed in quarter 3 2013/14.
- **Owen Road (Skerton)** - works have started and subject to favourable weather conditions and river levels they are due to be completed during quarter 3 2013/14.

PROGRESS NOT AS EXPECTED

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

Urban Unclassified

- **Lindow Square Street lighting (Lancaster East)** - locations have now been marked for the embellishments within the conservation area with agreement of Lancaster City Council and their respective conservation officer. A newsletter that informs the public of the proposed works was distributed during September 2013 and the works are anticipated to start during quarter 3 2013/14.

Footways

- **Albert Road (Morecambe)** - footway resurfacing works have been delayed until quarter 4 2013/14 due to the intensive operations and specialist team required to carry out the works.

Capital schemes carried over from 2012/13 that were to be delivered in quarter 2 2013/14 but have now been delayed

Local Sustainable Transport Fund

- **Greaves Park cycle path scheme (Lancaster Central)** – LCC are currently in land negotiations and preparing the planning application. It is unlikely that the scheme will start by quarter 4 2013/14. Progress of the scheme will be reviewed in quarter 3 2013/14.
- **Burrow Beck cycle path (Lancaster Central/ South East)** – LCC are currently awaiting agreement on the proposed scheme from Lancaster City Council. Construction is expected to start in quarter 4 2013/14.

Heysham to M6 Link Road Complementary Measures

The programming of the resurfacing works on the A6 Owen Road/Skerton Bridge have been reviewed and it is anticipated that works will be concluded in November 2013.

Heysham to M6 Link Road

The legal challenge against the Secretary of State's decision to grant Development Consent was rejected by the High Court on the 4 October, the objectors have said that they are going to request permission to appeal. (We expect permission to be refused, but the timescales are uncertain). The final funding bid to the Department for Transport was submitted on the 7 October. Once the funding has been approved and if the permission to appeal is rejected then work can start on site either late this year, or early 2014.

SERVICE UPDATE

Road and Street Maintenance: Pothole Repair

2013/14	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	13/14 Target
Lancaster						
Monthly % of potholes filled within 30 days	100%	99%	99%	98%	99%	90%
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Lancashire						
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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 Lancaster and Lancashire. In Lancaster 2,089 potholes were identified through HSIs between April and August 2013, of which 2065 (99%) were repaired within 30 days.

Trading Standards

Vehicle Safety and Descriptions

Joint visits were made with a Vehicle and Operator Service Agency (VOSA) vehicle engineer to 5 car traders in Morecambe where cars on sale were examined for safety and correct descriptions. VOSA issued prohibition notices on 6 cars which were found to be unsafe. A forecourt survey was also carried out in August 2013 involving a day of inspections of problem traders in the Morecambe area. Two cars with unlawfully adjusted mileage were found plus a number of issues relating to restrictions of consumer rights.

Lancaster Square Routes Project

Lancashire County Council is working in partnership with Lancaster City Council on a Square Routes programme to rejuvenate the important historic city centre of Lancaster, strengthening its position as a quality destination for both visitors and residents of the district. Square Routes seeks to invest in high quality public realm (streets and spaces) and transform key spaces and routes in the centre to support economic and cultural activity. The city council will send this programme out to tender, including the delivery of works to Penny Street and Cheapside, with the intention of beginning works in January 2014.

**Environment and Community Projects
Fauna and Flora**

The Fairfield Association have recently secured extra land adjacent to their FAUNA (animal habitat) site and are developing a FLORA (plant life) site to compliment the local natural ecology. Negotiations are under way to extend the existing Higher Level Stewardship agreement to help fund the environmental management of the fields for nesting waders, woodland parcels and hedgerows. Plans are also underway to improve the existing public access, and create a new concessionary footpath link suitable for disabled access linking the Abraham Heights area of Lancaster to the Haverbreaks area, and the canal along Aldcliffe Road.

Regent Park Morecambe

Funding applications have been submitted to secure the outstanding monies required to complete the children's play area. In anticipation of a successful outcome the works are being put out to tender. Lancaster City Council has started the clearance works to the east side of the park.

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN: CAPITAL SCHEMES UPDATE

Community Rail Partnership Programme Implementation (CRP)

The Leeds Lancaster Morecambe CRP has been successful in obtaining grants to develop a programme of small improvements at stations along the line including Wennington station in Lancashire.

Targeting Key Growth Areas: Engaging with Schools

During September, at the start of the school term, a number of schools in Preston and Lancaster took part in cluster sessions which involved training on the Mode shift STARS web based resource. The resource is a toolkit used by schools across the country to assist with travel planning. The attendees to the session were introduced to the toolkit and have started to record their information, issues and actions. LCC have encouraged schools to network and create links between with each other. In total, 23 educational establishments were engaged through this training.

Plans are developing 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, focusing on helping parents/carers teach their children how to keep safe when outdoors. The CTC is proving popular, with one school having signed up over 250 parents to the initiative.