

CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

PROGRESS AS EXPECTED

2013/14 Capital schemes programmed for delivery in quarter 3

36 out of 37 capital schemes, due for delivery in quarter 3, have either been completed or are progressing as planned, and are detailed below. For details of the remaining schemes please see 'Progress not as Expected'.

A, B and C Roads

- **Carriageway surface dressing works have been completed in the following locations** – Ash Brow/Course Lane from Smithy Brow to Lighting Column 9/10 (West Lancashire East); New Causeway from Lord Sefton Way to Liverpool Road (West Lancashire South); Whittle Lane from Bannister Lane to High Moor Lane (Skelmersdale East); Halsall Road from Gregory Lane to Summerwood Lane (West Lancashire South); Plough Lane from Wigan Road to Spa Lane (West Lancashire South); Summerwood Lane from Halsall Road to Asmall Lane (West Lancashire South); Courage Low Lane/Toogood Lane from Moss Lane to Boundary (Skelmersdale East), and Halsall Lane from Shepherds Lane to Narrow Lane (West Lancashire South).
- **Carriageway resurfacing works have been completed in the following locations** – Crow Orchard Road outside St Josephs Church (Skelmersdale East), and Scarth Hill Lane from St Helens Road to Ruff Lane (West Lancashire South).

Rural Unclassified

- **Outlet Lane from Simonswood Lane to Outlet Farm (West Lancashire South)** – surface dressing works have been completed.
- **School Lane (West Lancashire West)** – carriageway resurfacing works have been completed on the full length of this lane.

Footways

- **Footway slurry sealing works have commenced on site and are due for completion during quarter 4 2013/14 in the following locations** – full length of Blaydon Park (Skelmersdale East), full length of The Cloisters (West Lancashire North), and Eskdale Avenue from Ennerdale Drive to the end of the avenue (West Lancashire South).
- **Footway resurfacing works have been completed in the following locations** – full length of Brighthouse Close (Ormskirk West); full length of Rothwell Close (Ormskirk West); full length of Ranleigh Drive (West Lancashire East); Sandy Lane/Ormskirk Road from A577 to Witham Road (Skelmersdale West); full length of Clovelly Drive (West Lancashire East); Lancaster Crescent from Rose Crescent to Beech Close (Skelmersdale West), and the full length of Doe Meadow (West Lancashire East).

Capital schemes carried over from previous quarters for delivery in quarter 3 2013/14

A, B and C Roads

- **St Helens Road/Moor Street from Park Road to outside 54 Moor Street (West Lancashire East)** – carriageway inlay work have been completed.
- **Blaguegate Lane/Ormskirk Road from Hollands Lane to Railway Road (West Lancashire South)** – micro asphalt works are to be completed in quarter 4 2013/14.

Urban Unclassified

- **Micro asphalt works have been completed to the full length of the road in the following locations** – Bleasdale Close (West Lancashire South); Heatherlea Close, (Skelmersdale East), Alma Court (Skelmersdale East), and the full length of Rose Crescent (Skelmersdale West).

Road Safety

- **Ormskirk Road, Up Holland** – designs have been completed for a pedestrian crossing outside the doctor's surgery. It is envisaged that the works will be carried out by quarter 4 2013/14.

Bridges

- **Derby Street Railway Bridge on Derby Street (between Ormskirk West and West Lancashire East)** – an outline proposal has been developed to address issues with this bridge but there are major obstacles to overcome, including the cost of the work, and obtaining consent to demolish the existing Grade II Listed bridge. We have started consultations with Network Rail and with the planning team at West Lancashire Borough Council. Network Rail will consider if the proposals are viable however obtaining consent to replace the existing Grade II Listed bridge could be very difficult. If we cannot obtain consent to replace the existing bridge then we cannot address the problems at this bridge and they will remain an on going issue for the future. The progress of this scheme will be reviewed at the end of quarter 4 2013/14.
- **Diglake Bridge on Southport Road (West Lancashire West)** – it is envisaged that the construction works will be programmed for quarter 4 2013/14. Minor work is required to the original bridge underneath the road to address the weak areas. A stone wall will also be built to replace the wooden fence and hedge for safety measures.
- **Concrete repair works to the following footbridges were completed in December 2013 in the Skelmersdale area** – Whiteledge South and Whiteledge North on Whiteledge Road (Skelmersdale East), Parade, Birkigg, and Birley Wood on Digmaor Road (Skelmersdale East).

PROGRESS NOT AS EXPECTED

2013/14 capital scheme programmed for delivery in quarter 3 which has been delayed

Bridges

- **Stock Bridge on Southport Road (Ormskirk West)** – the delivery of this scheme has been delayed to 2014/15 due to addressing other bridge priorities in the area.

SERVICE UPDATE

Road and Street Maintenance: Pothole Repair

2013/14	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	13/14 Target
West Lancashire										
Monthly % of potholes filled within 30 days	100%	100%	98%	100%	100%	95%	85%	99%	94%	90%
Cumulative % of potholes filled within 30 days	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	98%	96%	97%	96%	
Lancashire										
Cumulative % of potholes filled within 30 days	99%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	97%	94%	93%	90%

In 2013/14 the directorate has a yearend target of fixing 90% of potholes identified through Highway Safety Inspections (HSI) within a 30 day period. In West Lancashire 3,074 potholes were identified through HSIs between April and December 2013, of which 2,956 (96%) were repaired within 30 days, although all of the 3,074 potholes identified have been repaired. Following the implementation of this new way of working, proposals for the revision of the defect maintenance indicator will be taken to the Cabinet Committee for Performance Improvement (CCPI) for approval in June following the end of quarter 4 in March.

The VISIT Walking Trails

A water and wetlands trail loop connecting Burscough and Rufford, which incorporates several smaller circuits, was completed in quarter 3 2013/14. Leaflets have been printed and the trails were launched during February 2014 half-term week. Work will continue on a history and heritage based Lathom walk, which will be launched in summer 2014.

The VISIT Cycle Trails

Several signed leisure routes are being planned across the VISIT project area. This quarter saw the final planning and checking of provisional routes that focussed around Banks/Hesketh Bank and Burscough/Rufford.

The VISIT schemes are funded by the Local Sustainable Transport Fund and LCC.

Skelmersdale Subways

A successful urban art project, with input from LCC, West Lancashire Fire Service and West Lancashire Borough Council Streetscene was completed in quarter 3 at Bankfield, Digmaor, with help from the StreetsmART Youth Group. Another graffiti art project on the Concourse pedestrian bridge from Eskdale was completed with help from pupils from Glenburn High School.



Ormskirk Town Centre

Investigation and design works are ongoing and are expected to be completed during quarter 4 2013/14, and public consultation is to be undertaken shortly. As well as a new aesthetic pavement and layout, the scheme will incorporate new LED amenity street lighting and canopy lighting in new trees which will be planted in the area. Works are currently expected to start on site in May/June 2014, and the works are expected to take around 13 weeks to complete.

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN: CAPITAL SCHEMES

Ormskirk Bus Station Refurbishment

Work to identify options for the refurbishment of the station have been completed and were presented to West Lancashire Borough Council officers in November 2013. Discussions regarding the scheme are still ongoing.

Skelmersdale Rail Link Feasibility Study

A full brief has been agreed by Merseytravel, Merseyrail, Network Rail and West Lancashire Borough Council. The feasibility study is being carried out by Arups, and is due to be completed during May 2014.

Community Rail Partnership (CRP) Programme Improvements

An additional train service will be introduced on the Preston to Ormskirk line from May 2014 which will increase the service from 12 to 13 journeys per day. A marketing campaign focusing on the local communities of Croston, Rufford and Burscough will be carried out in partnership with Northern Rail. Household leaflet posting will form part of this and the local user group, OPSTA, will carry this out.