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Preston, South Ribble & Lancashire

City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board – 8th January 2016

Please note: This report was presented to the City Deal Programme Board on 20th November 2015 and is presented for information to the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board and provides background context to Item 11b.

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IDP Update - Reprogramming of Public Transport Priority Corridor/Local Centres - Preston Western Distributor to Salmesbury (New Hall Lane section) and Bamber Bridge/City Centre Corridor (Station Road section)

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Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to present proposals to re-programme improvement works approved and published in the Infrastructure Delivery plan 2015-2018 in relation to Public Transport Priority Corridor/Local Centres.

Recommendation

The City Deal Programme Board is asked to approve the re-programming of works along Public Transport Priority Corridors/Local Centres namely Preston Western Distributor to Salmesbury (New Hall Lane section) and Bamber Bridge/City Centre (Station Road section).

Background

The Preston Western Distributor to Salmesbury and Bamber Bridge/City Centre Corridors have been identified as priority corridors for improvements to public transport, cycling and walking. They form crucial parts of the development of sustainable communities across the City Deal area as main routes into Preston City Centre. Improvements could include more road space and redesigned junctions to benefit buses, cyclists and pedestrians, and public realm improvements to streets, pedestrian areas and green spaces where these corridors run through city, town, district and local centres.

The Preston Western Distributor to Salmesbury corridor runs through key junctions, including M6 Junction 31 and joins with key sections of the local network, including the A6 and A59. The Bamber Bridge/City Centre route also runs through a number of key junctions, and joins with A6 and A675. Key locations and centres served by these routes include New Hall Lane and Bamber Bridge. Ideas for improvements for these corridors are to be drawn up with local communities and works timed to start once complementary improvements and additional capacity are added elsewhere on the transport network.



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The Preston Western Distributor to Salmesbury and Bamber Bridge to City Centre corridors have been identified as schemes not so reliant on the four major schemes such that works can begin during 2016. Works along these corridors, specifically improvements to the local centres at New Hall Lane and Station Road, have been programmed accordingly, originally for the Station Road scheme to commence in early 2016 and the New Hall Lane scheme to follow from mid-2016. However, due to the relative pace of local community consultation affecting design work and a more complex property arrangement along Station Road, it has become necessary to review the programme for delivery.

To ensure that both local centre schemes will be delivered during the next calendar year, it is proposed to swap the order of works as follows:

- New Hall Lane local centre - scheme delivery to commence in February 2016 as the design and associated preparatory works are sufficiently advanced.
- Station Road, Bamber Bridge - scheme to start on site in July 2016 to allow for design and other preparatory arrangements with local property owners to be completed.

This proposed change to the programme of works would have no financial implications to the City Deal.

Recommendation

The City Deal Programme Board is asked to approve the re-programming of works along Public Transport Priority Corridors/Local Centres namely Preston Western Distributor to Salmesbury (New Hall Lane section) and Bamber Bridge/City Centre (Station Road section).