



City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board – 8th January 2016

IDP Update – Review of the Reprogramming of the Public Transport Priority Corridor/Local Centres - Bamber Bridge/City Centre Corridor (Station Road section)

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1. Executive Summary

This report:

- Presents a summary of the steps required to ensure that the main works for the Public Transport Priority Corridors/Local Centres for Bamber Bridge/City Centre (Station Road) commence in August 2016;
- Identifies the ancillary/preliminary works that will commence first quarter 2016/17.

2. Background

The IDP page 112, identifies the proposed start date of the Station Road, Bamber Bridge works as January 2016-April 2016. These works form part of the Bamber Bridge/City Centre Public Transport Priority Corridor/Local Centre scheme. This start date has been delayed, the current expectation is that the main works will commence in August 2016, with ancillary/preliminary works commencing in April 2016.

The principal reasons for the delay relate to the time taken to finalise the scope of the Bamber Bridge Scheme. The scheme will see the private frontages to Station Road, Bamber Bridge, being included in the scheme and will achieve a more complete and attractive public open space along the scheme length. This approach is fully supported by LCC.

The earliest possible start date for the main works is August 2016. Officers from SRBC and LCC are working to develop a delivery schedule to achieve an August 2016 start date, which will include the following actions:

- a. It is expected that the City Deal Infrastructure Delivery fund will cover the capital cost of delivering the scheme, including works on private frontages. The overall allocation for South Ribble Public Transport Priority Corridors/Local Centres is £12.125m, with a target allocation for the Bamber Bridge Scheme of £3.25m. Once the design for the scheme has been completed and fully costed, the final drawdown from the £12.125m will be calculated together with an assessment of the impact on other schemes within South Ribble Public Transport Priority Corridors/Local Centres in the event that the target cost is exceeded;



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- b. SRBC will handle all communications and the development of agreements with private landowners which will need to be put in place with affected private land owners to enable works to take place on their forecourts
- c. LCC will deliver the work along the private frontages once agreements are in place, as long as these agreements are in place before works start;
- d. The works on private land will not be adopted as highway. LCC as highway authority will have no liability or other ongoing obligation or cost as a result of the works on the forecourts (with the exception of any remedial works);
- e. Any financial contributions being sought from private landowners to be managed by SRBC and paid to City Deal as a contribution to the Scheme, unless the contributions are required by SRBC to fund enhancements to the scheme;
- f. SRBC will work to minimise the risk of some landowners refusing to contribute and disparities and claims emerging;
- g. SRBC will also be responsible for dealing with any issues arising in relation to State Aid.
- h. LCC and SRBC will establish a joint design team to develop the detailed (construction) design for the scheme.

SRBC has started the discussions and negotiations with frontage owners and are confident that these agreements can be delivered within the required timescale for an August start.

SRBC has been working actively with the community within Bamber Bridge and has undertaken two consultation exercises. They have been working with Baxi on sponsorship and gateway features, and have launched a local design competition for a series of icon designs to illustrate the history of Bamber Bridge (sponsored by Baxi). The closing date for this competition is 1st February 2016. They have established a 'Friends Group' at Bamber Bridge station, and they have been successful in reaching an agreement with Northern Rail and Network Rail for works at the station which will enhance the works on Station Road. These works have started on site and will be completed later this month.

In addition to these works, SRBC have also undertaken the design of a soft landscaping project in front of one of the major retailers on Station Road (Morrison's). This element of the project is proposed to start and complete on site in Q1 of 2016/17 and will form part of the Station Road scheme when the principal phase of the project is started in August 2016.

It is estimated that the total project will be completed during Q2 2017/18 as it will have an estimated overall twelve month delivery period. The scheme will be fully committed to at the August 2016 start on site date. As part of the detailed design, a breakdown will be provided of the works that will be completed at the end of each three month period of the overall programme.



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Recommendation

That the City Deal Executive agree:-

- (i) that the start date for the main works will be August 2016, with ancillary works due to commence in Q1 2016/17;
- (ii) the way forward for the delivery of the scheme on the terms set out in this report.