

Major Highways Scheme Update – March 2018

Lincoln Eastern Bypass

This is the County Council's largest Highway scheme with a budget of £99.6m and a DfT grant of £49.95m. The main contract of £53m was awarded to Carillion and a soft start was made in January 2017 with a three year contract period.

On 15 January Carillion went into liquidation. LCC terminated the contract with Carillion on 22 January 2018. LCC awarded a contract to Galliford Try as the replacement contractor through the Midland Highway Framework on 1 February 2018 with an official start date of 5 February 2018. The majority of the existing Carillion site staff remained on site and have transferred to Galliford Try. An initial package of works have been agreed with Galliford Try which will include the completion of the Market Rasen Rail Line Bridge, providing temporary bridge crossings to the River Witham Viaduct and Delph crossings, site clearance for the bird nesting season and the permanent fencing for the site boundaries. This will maintain the critical path activities although there will be a consequential delay and increase in costs as a consequence of the Carillion liquidation. Work is ongoing to create further works packages to enable the completion of the scheme.

A separate £15m contract was awarded to BAM Nuttall by Network Rail, on behalf of LCC, to de-risk the main contract, by creating a hole under the railway on the Spalding line near Washingborough Road. The bridge is now in place and work is in front of programme which will enable BAM Nuttall to leave site prior to the end of March. Bam Nuttall through Network Rail has been assisting LCC with taking over works programmed for the February half term with ducting for WPD on the site of the proposed Washingborough Road roundabout.

A significant Anglian Water main diversion is currently underway south of Washingborough Road.

A separate contract was awarded to Network Archaeology and work is currently planned to continue until the end of March. This is now emerging as a significant risk to the scheme budget with projected costs of £8.2m. The original budget estimate for the archaeology was £1.9m with completion in August 2017. LCC have submitted a bid to Historic England for a grant of £1.379m for post excavation costs.

Grantham Southern Relief Road

This scheme is a 3.5km road with a five span viaduct carrying the road over the East Coast Mainline railway and has a current budget of £81.5m and consists of three phases. The works will be funded from SLGF grant from the LEP and HCA grant and developer contributions with LCC forward funding the developer contributions.

The King 31 Phase 1 from the B1174 running towards the A1 is already complete.

A planning application for a Designer Outlet Village (DOV) was submitted to South Kesteven District Council on behalf of Buckminster Estates on 27 June 2017 and permission has been granted. The owners of Downtown have also expressed their intention of submitting an alternative DOV planning application for their current site.

LCC have engaged Counsel advice in relation to the promotion of the Side Road and Compulsory Purchase Orders. The advice was to proceed with the Orders for the whole scheme including the Line Orders for the Trunk Road. The statutory Orders were published on 2 March 2018 with the objection period ending on 16 April 2018. The Heads of Terms with the landowner for the transfer of land have now been signed for the King 31 site and a similar agreement is being pursued for the Southern Quadrant Link Road (SQLR) Phase 3. Agreement to secure third party land on King 31 Phase 2 are well advanced. Work is underway to mitigate the potential for objections to the Orders.

A contract has been awarded for the archaeology to the west side of the A1 with the intention of mitigating the impact on the main works. Work was programmed to start in early December 2017 and last for 12 weeks

A bid has been submitted to HCA for a forward funding Housing Infrastructure Grant.

A17/A151 Peppermint Junction, Holbeach

This £5.4m road improvement scheme eliminates a T junction, increases capacity and improves safety by introducing two roundabouts. One provides access into an employment zone (Food Enterprise Zone) and housing land on both sides of the A151. The scheme is funded by SLGF grant and forward funding of developer contributions by Lincolnshire County Council and is now complete except for a small number of remedial works..

Spalding Western Relief Road

There are five phases to this western relief road with a scheme cost over £100m, starting from the south working north.

Section 1 (Southern Connection) – LCC and the developer have reached a financial agreement for funding Section 1 of the SWRR. Following the EIP adoption LCC will submit a planning application for the road only with an aspiration that works commencement will be in autumn 2021.

Section 2 – This section of the SWRR is having options developed as part of the SWRR delivery strategy. Section 2 will be developed in tandem with Section 1 to allow a full connection between the B1172 and the A151 Bourne Road. It is important to stress that the two sections will be developed independently with an aspiration to have both schemes constructed sequentially.

Sections 3 and 4 – These sections of the SWRR are having options developed as part of the SWRR delivery strategy.

Section 5 (Northern Connection) – SHDC in collaboration with LCC have submitted a bid to HCA through the Housing Infrastructure Fund Marginal Viability option for approximately £12m. It was announced on the 1st February that this bid had been successful for the full £12m. LCC are currently looking at a delivery programme and work will commence immediately in preparing a planning application, detailed design and liaison with Network Rail.

North Hykeham Relief Road

An Outline Business Case is currently being prepared, funded by the Advance Design Block, to continue to progress this major scheme in preparation for any funding opportunities to enable delivery of the project. The aim is to submit a bid for DfT Majors funding in June 2018. Initial engagement is planned in April 2018 for updating key stakeholders on progress and ensuring compliance with the DfT funding bid process. This road will be a key link in the Lincolnshire Coastal Highway from the A1 through to Skegness. A bid for the whole route has been submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government for a Housing Infrastructure Fund Grant.

In addition, LCC has submitted a Growth and Housing funding bid to the DfT in collaboration with the LEP. This bid is for enlarging and improving the A46 Pennell's Roundabout to reduce congestion and unlock early growth which will help drive the availability of development funding for the North Hykeham Relief Road.

Lincolnshire Coastal Highway

Lincolnshire County Council is investigating potential improvements to the A158 across the county from the A1 to the North Sea coast around the Skegness locality,

known as the 'Lincolnshire Coastal Highway'. This will look at the options for intervention along the route. In identifying improvements to the highway, consideration will need to be given to being future-ready, building in capacity to support growth, investigating options across a range of modes and building in resilience and lower longer term costs for management of infrastructure. The Council has developed a number of potential projects and initiatives along the route and has also held four engagement events at Skegness, Horncastle, Wragby and Lincoln to gather perceptions, existing challenges and potential solutions from key stakeholders. The next phase is to sift the emerging longlist of projects against assessment criteria to result in schemes which generate clear benefits and crucially, are deliverable. This work is being funded from the Advance Design Block. In addition, the eventual strategy document will likely further support various other existing projects currently being progressed, which includes the North Hykeham Relief Road, A46/A15 Nettleham Road Roundabout, A46/A158 Riseholme Road Roundabout and A46/A57 Carholme Road Roundabout.

Network Rail Footbridges

Network Rail remedial works on the Lincoln High Street footbridge to address the technical issues have been completed and the footbridge is fully open.

Network Rail have also received confirmation of a successful planning appeal for the Brayford Wharf East footbridge. Footway enabling works are expected to be carried out between March and August 2018. This will be followed by bridge construction which planned for August 2018 to January 2019..

Boston Quadrant

Background – A developer led scheme for a new football ground and mixed use commercial and residential use. This includes a link road between A16 and London Road with a new roundabout on the A16 and signalised junction on London Road. The Boston Quadrant forms what will become the first section of a proposed Boston Distributor Road.

Current Position – Quadrant 1 is well underway, with the installation of a new roundabout south of Boston on the A16 complete. Lincolnshire County Council has completed the design check on the section of road which links the A16 roundabout to the adjacent London Road which is also on site being constructed and programmed to be complete in early 2018. The London Road signalised junction is at the detailed design stage which sits with the developer and their consultants. A further Outline Planning Application for 1200 homes has recently be received by Boston Borough Council.

National Productivity Investment Fund

LCC have secured a grant of £5.4m from DfT to be expended in 2017/18 based upon a number of named schemes:

- Wolsey Way/Wragby Road Improvement in Lincoln to improve flows through two traffic signalised junctions – Works has now started.
- A17 Sleaford Embankment Maintenance defect rectification – Works have commenced and are due to be completed May 2018
- The remaining 2017/18 budget has been allocated to the A16 Louth Bypass resurfacing scheme, a thin surfacing replacement package and a re- tread package programme to improve roads within the County

The Department for Transport has announced that LCC have been successful with the NPIF bid for A46 Dunholme/Welton roundabout improvement at an estimated cost of £4.6m with a £2m grant for expenditure by 2019/2020. A planning application was submitted in September after Information Events with Welton and Dunholme Parish Councils. On the 5th February 2018 the planning committee approved the recommendation to grant permission with conditions. Work is progressing on land acquisition in parallel with the legal orders process.

DfT Challenge Fund

LCC are preparing for a bid through the Challenge Fund to the DfT for a £10m Langrick Bridge replacement scheme as identified in the County Council Asset Management Strategy. A series of options are under consideration prior to a consultation on the favoured options subject to the outcome of a successful bid.

Single Local Growth Fund 3

In March 2017 two schemes were identified as successful in attracting SLGF grant to a value of £2.4m. These schemes were the A46/A15 Riseholme Roundabout and A46 Nettleham Roundabout projects on Lincoln's Western Bypass. Work continues to progress an outline design for enlarging the size of both roundabouts and increasing the number of lanes both entering and exiting each arm of both roundabouts. This will alleviate congestion at these pinch points and improve journey time reliability. Discussions will soon commence with landowners regarding land acquisition to enable these planned works.

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