

## **Appendix A**

### **Major Highways Scheme Update – June 2019**

#### **Lincoln Eastern Bypass**

This is the county council's largest Highway scheme with a budget of £124m, which includes a DfT grant of £49.95m.

Following the liquidation of Carillion, Galliford Try were awarded the construction works package

The main works on site are currently focussed on continuing the bulk earthworks excavation and removing the material toward Greetwell Road and filling the adjacent quarry. This has been enabled by the newly completed Lincoln to Spalding Rail Line Underbridge, the completed Lincoln to Market Rasen Rail Line Overbridge and the completed temporary bridge over the River Witham.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 Galliford Try's earthworks sub-contractor, Hawk announced that they were going into liquidation. Galliford Try were delivering the earthworks elements themselves but have now appointed a new sub-contractor who will be completing this. This event has had negligible effect on the costs and programme of the project.

Heighington Road continues to be closed and shall remain so until the end of 2019 to allow a 16m deep excavation for the LEB and then constructing the 33m long overbridge to maintain the Heighington Road route.

The land adjacent to Hawthorn Road has been excavated to allow the foundations for the Hawthorn Road footbridge to commence.

#### **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 budget of c£100m and consists of three phases. The works will be funded from SLGF grant from the LEP, HCA grant and developer contributions with LCC forward funding this.

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

Phase 2 consists of tunnelling underneath the A1 while keeping the running lanes live to create a new grade separated junction with the A1 south west of Grantham. The phase received technical approval from Highways England in December 2017 and following the Public Inquiry process is programme to start late May 2019.

Phase 3 will be the final phase of the project and is the largest and most complex to deliver. It consists of a five span viaduct carrying the road over the East Coast Mainline railway and the River Witham. The viaduct will be in excess of 10m above the River Witham. The phase is programmed to commence spring 2020.

A Public Inquiry was held in January 2019 and the inspectors report was submitted to central government later that month. The orders were confirmed by the SoS in March 2019 which allows the required land to be acquired.

LCC have now qualified for the next stage of a bid to HCA for a forward funding Housing Infrastructure Grant.

### **Spalding Western Relief Road (SWRR)**

Section 1 (Southern Connection) – LCC and the developer have reached an 'in principle' financial agreement for funding Section 1. This agreement is in the process of being legally drawn up. Detailed design is planned to start late 2019.

Sections 2, 3 and 4 – These sections of the SWRR are having options developed as part of the SWRR delivery strategy. An engagement process is ongoing on the route and alignment of sections 2 to 4 in Spalding.

Section 5 (Northern Connection) – In February 2018 SHDC in collaboration with LCC were successful in securing £12m from the HCA for delivering this section of the SWRR. A meeting with Homes England on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018 highlighted the positive partnership working on the development of the scheme. Further costs and programme details have been provided via an additional paper and supplementary evidence to Homes England on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Homes England have suggested that the funding will be made available in April/May 2019. Detailed design has commenced and subject to a successful planning application, construction may begin late 2019.

Planning applications for both Section's 1 and 5 (South and North) were submitted to LCC's planning authority at the end of February and will be considered at the planning and regs committee in June.

### **North Hykeham Relief Road, Lincoln**

A number of community engagement events were held in June 2018 for updating key stakeholders on progress and ensuring compliance with the DfT funding bid process. A paper was submitted to Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee and full Executive Committee, where all the recommendation were approved, which included a bid basis of requesting 70% funding from the DfT and basing the road as a dual carriageway standard. This road will be a key link in the Lincolnshire Coastal Highway from the A1 through to Skegness as well as completing the circulatory around Lincoln.

The Outline Business Case for the project was completed and the bid document was submitted to Midlands Connect in February. This bid will be prioritised by Midlands Connect before submitting to the DfT in July 2019. There is an expectation that the result will be known by the end of the 2019.

## **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 sifting of the longlist of projects against assessment was completed and a shortlist of options was developed. A paper went to Informal Executive on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018 outlining the proposed shortlisted projects including existing projects like the North Hykeham Relief Road, A46/A15 Nettleham Road Roundabout and A46/A158 Riseholme Road Roundabout. The Executive proposed three additional projects which are also being taken forward, these being: Horncastle Bypass, Skegness Relief Road and Wragby Pedestrian Crossing as well as various safety improvements. The draft Horncastle bypass concept paper has been completed which is being developed further to include an economic appraisal, once complete will be presented to LCC's informal executive meeting. Skegness Relief Road concept paper will be developed in last summer 2019.

## **National Productivity Investment Fund**

LCC was successful against the NPIF tranche 2 bid for A46 Dunholme/Welton roundabout improvement which has an estimated cost £5.6m. The DfT awarded LCC a £2m grant. Planning approval was granted in February 2018 and work has been completed on detailed design. Land acquisition is progressing in parallel with the legal orders process. The legal orders were published in April 2019 and the objection closing period is mid-June 2019. It is expected that works will commence in 2020.

## **Single Local Growth Fund 3**

The A46/A15 Nettleham and A46/A158 Riseholme Road Roundabout projects on Lincoln's Western Bypass attracted SLGF to a value of £2.5m. The improvements include constructing a larger circulatory, providing additional entry and exit lanes and lengthening the approach tapers. This project will reduce congestion at these pinch points in the morning and afternoon traffic peaks, improve journey time reliability and help to accommodate for further growth in Lincoln. Detailed design is progressing with a focus on acquiring the required land through agreement. Both roundabouts are planned to commence in 2020.

## **Network Rail Brayford Wharf East Footbridge, Lincoln**

This is a Network Rail owned and managed project which consists of constructing a new iconic footbridge over the rail line on Brayford Wharf East. Following an appeal process planning permission was granted to Network Rail in January 2018. Morgan

Sindall were awarded the tender to design and build the footbridge which commenced on site in October 2018. The bridge was installed in April 2019 and the footbridge opened for use in May 2019.

### **Holdingham Roundabout and Rugby Club Junction, Sleaford**

NKDC and LCC have secured £1.5m of funding for the GLLEP towards the development of Holdingham Roundabout and the A17/A153 junction (known as the Rugby Club Junction). In addition, a £2.5m S106 contribution has been agreed for investing into these projects. Holdingham Roundabout currently suffers congestion that is predicted to become worse with significant levels of future development in the town. An options study was completed and partial signalisation was agreed as the most economical option when balancing the required improvements and cost. Detailed design work has commenced with a planned construction in 2020.

The improvements at the Rugby Club Junction are also expected to commence in 2020 with a co-ordinated approach to both the design and construction to limit the disruption to the highway network.

### **Lincoln Transport Strategy**

Work has commenced on the development of a new Lincoln Transport Strategy to support the economic and spatial development of the Lincoln urban area. The current Lincoln Integrated Transport Strategy (LITS) was developed by LCC in 2006 and updated in 2008 with a progress review conducted in 2013. Since the adoption of LITS, LCC has made significant progress in securing funding for and completing a number of major transport schemes, improving public transport and enhancing access for pedestrians and cyclists. Of particular note over recent years has been the completion of the A46 Teal Park Dualling, the East-West Link in the city centres and a number of pinch-point schemes. In delivering this project an objective led and robust process will be followed for identifying potential options that could be taken forward for any future funding bids.

The strategy is being completed in partnership with key stakeholders, CoLC, NKDC and WLDC. The initial engagement exercise was completed in November 2018 with the wider stakeholder and public engagement being completed in March 2019. The strategy is programmed to be completed late summer 2019.

### **Boston Distributor Road Scoping Bid**

A project scoping report was produced by LCC and submitted to Matt Warman MP for lobbying to central government for funding to progress a Boston Distributor Road Outline Business Case. No funding was received to accommodate the production of an OBC.