

**Open Report on behalf of Andy Gutherson, Executive Director - Place**

Report to:	<b>Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>4 March 2024</b>
Subject:	<b>Highways Major Project Update Report</b>

**Summary:**

This report outlines an update on progress of the Highways Major Projects

**Actions Required:**

The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the detail contained in the report and recommend any actions to the Executive Member for Highways, Transport, and IT.

**1.0 Background**

1.1 The report will provide an update since the last reporting period (December 2023) on all aspects of the highways major project portfolio.

**2.0 Grantham Southern Relief Road**

Works have focussed on constructing the first section of bridge to be launched between the western abutment and Pier 1 in late March 2024. This has included complex bridge launch discussion with Network Rail. On the eastern side of the Witham Valley reinforced concrete works continue to allow for the completed bridge to be received and the additional bridge extension to be installed after the launched bridge has completed the installation process.

*GSRR – Fabrication of the first section of bridge between west abutment and Pier 1*



*GSRR – Pier Progression of Extended Bridge Eastern Abutment*



*GSRR – First Bridge Section being Fabricated on Site*



### **3.0 North Hykeham Relief Road**

The planning application remains in the planning determination phase. The application has received many queries through this process, which the delivery team are considering and providing responses to the Planning Authority. The planning application is programmed to be considered at Planning and Regulations Committee in Spring 2024.

On the 6 February 2024 the Executive approved the delegation of Authority to prepare the legal orders, these being the Side Road Orders and Compulsory Purchase Orders. These will be required to secure the land to facilitate the project and amend highway rights to abolish and create highway maintainable land. It is important to stress that the delegation to publish the orders has not been sought yet, hence this approval to prepare the legal orders does not prejudice the planning process as they are distinct different activities.

**4.0 Spalding Western Relief Road**

Since the bridge beams were installed, the construction focus has been on fixing the reinforcement steel and then pouring the concrete deck on top of the beams, as seen below. In addition, the groundworks teams are backfilling the embankments behind the bridge abutments. This is a complex process as due to the poor ground conditions lightweight fill is being used in conjunctions with a vertical wall tied into the fill to reduce the extent of embankment weight distribution.

*SWRR – Reinforced Concrete Deck Pours*



*SWRR – Lightweight Embankment Fill with Vertical Wall and Tie Mesh*



*SWRR – Aerial view from Enterprise Way Looking West along Vernatt’s Drain*



*SWRR – Aerial View Looking East along Vernatt’s Drain*



**5.0 Levelling Up Fund Projects (LUF)**

5.1 Both Marsh Lane Roundabout and Boston Active Travel projects are now complete.

*Marsh Lane New Junction Layout*



5.2 Progress continues on the northeast and southwest Quadrants, as seen below. The picture depicts the carriageway widening activities that have taken place and also the Lords Drain which is being managed throughout the project. Works are expected to be complete by the end of 2024.

*Springfield Road Roundabout North East Quadrant*

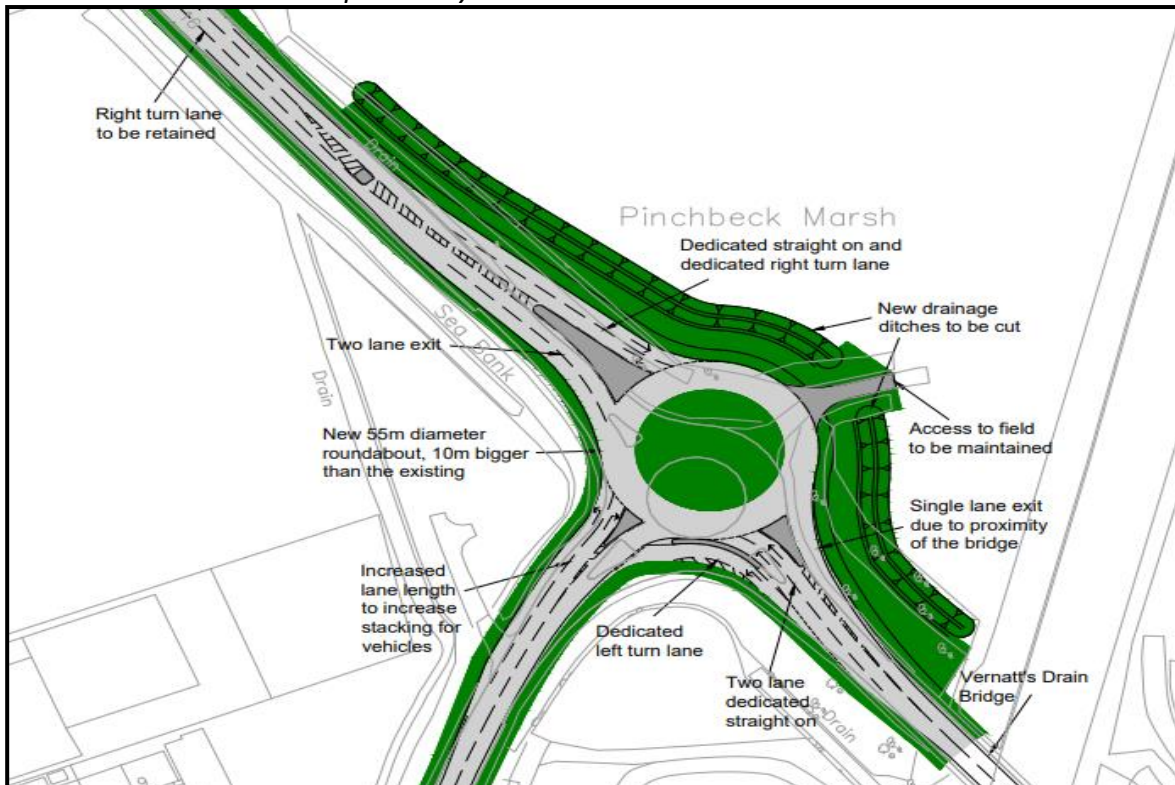


*Springfield Road Roundabout South West Quadrant*



5.3 Grencell Roundabout detailed design is complete, and the tender was sent out on the 5 February. Tenders will be returned on the 15 March to align with a May start date. Details of the traffic management are in the process of being resolved, however it is likely to include a period of closure on the B1180 side road.

*Grencell Roundabout Proposed Layout*



5.4 For Spalding Active Travel, design work continues on the second phase of the project to link the A151 footway/cycleway along Coronation Channel towards the car park of the retail park. These works are planned for Summer 2024.

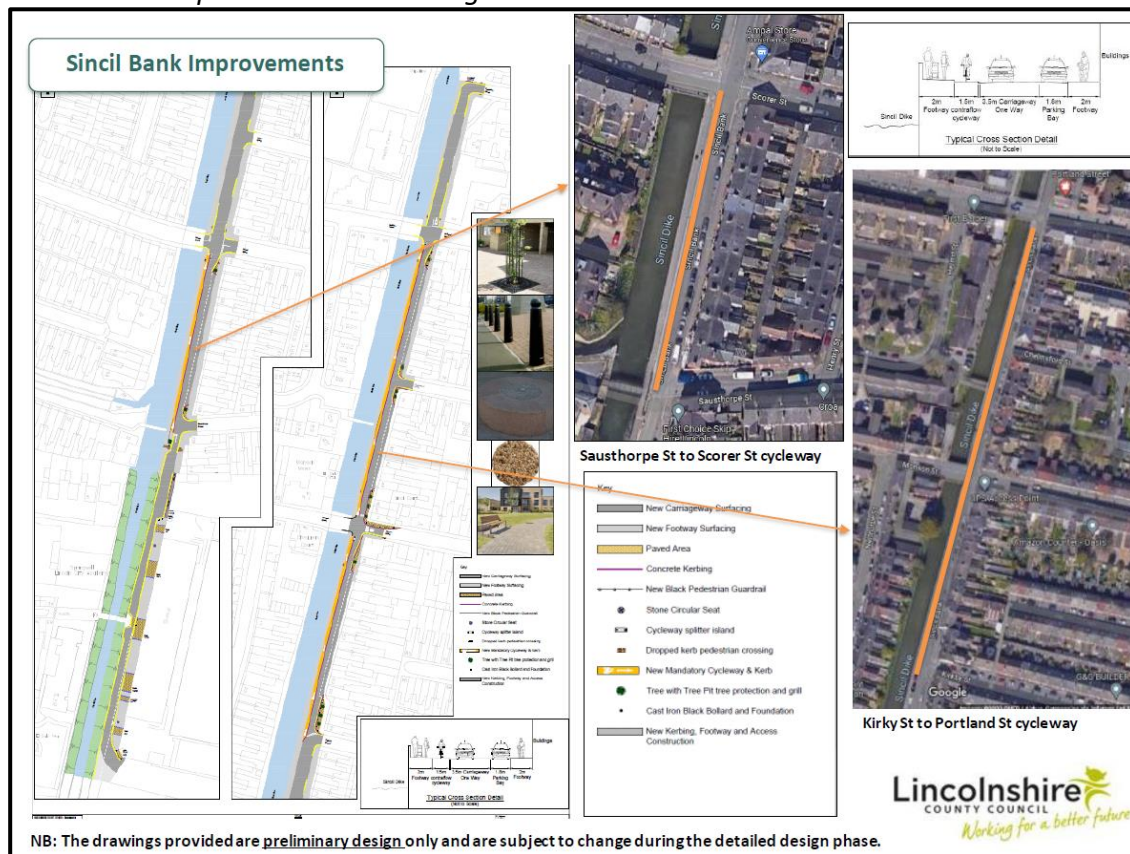
**6.0 Grantham Future High Street Fund**

This project will be covered in a separate report being presented to this Committee in advance of seeking a Key Decision to let the contract and start works.

**7.0 Sincil Bank**

Detailed design continues for the project with further public engagement planned soon for both the Traffic Regulatory Orders to enact the proposed one-way system and for the additional greening and gateways element that the City of Lincoln are developing in tandem. Works are planned to commence Spring 2024.

*Sincil Bank Proposed General Arrangement*

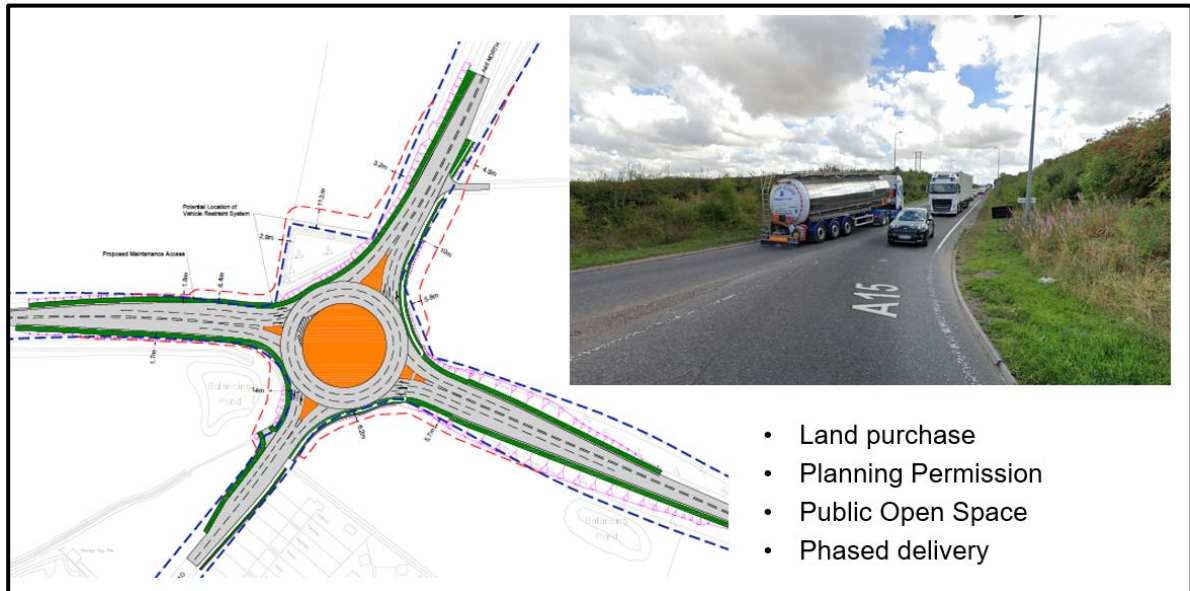


**8.0 Nettleham Road, Roundabout**

Preliminary work has commenced on reviewing the design work completed in 2019/20 regarding the enlargement of this roundabout. The difference is that an additional footway/cycleway bridge is being incorporated now. Land will need to be purchased to allow the project to go ahead, and those discussions have commenced, however they are not without complexity which is being worked through. The roundabout improvements will not require planning permission, however the

footway/cycleway bridge will. Discussions are ongoing with the Planning Authority on how best to approach this.

It's too early to define the start date, however it's likely that it will be linked to the timeline for acquiring the land and whether the roundabout starts in advance while securing planning permission for the footway/cycleway bridge.



### 9.0 Coastal Carriageway

A large extent of the Coastal Road (Anderby Road, Roman Bank and Huttoft Bank) between Sandilands and Chapel St Leonard's is in a poor state of repair and requires significant intervention to ensure it remains safe. In addition, the poor state of this road is discouraging access to the coastal facilities and therefore further degradation without intervention will negatively affect the tourism economy further. The planned works will counter this, as well as provide improvements with passing spaces and enhanced signage strategy. Design work is progressing at pace with a view to commencing construction after the Summer period in September 2024.

### 10.0 Coastal Footway/Cycleway

This is a separate project to the Coastal Carriageway, however there are clear connections between both projects, and they will compliment each other. This project spans between the same locations as the Coastal Road project, between Sandilands and Chapel St Leonard's. It involves constructing a new footway/cycleway along the coast, which includes improvements of some sections of existing networks. The delivery of this scheme is complex with the need for land acquisition and planning permission. Those process will be challenging due to the nature of coastal flood protection, coastal erosion, and environmental/ecological protection. Those early discussions with stakeholders and landowners are taking place now, however due to those discussions only starting it is too soon to provide a delivery timescale, however it will likely be 2-3 years before works commence.





**11.0 Conclusion**

The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the detail contained in the report and recommend any actions to the Executive Member for Highways, Transport, and IT.

**12.0 Consultation**

**a) Risks and Impact Analysis**

Not required

**13.0 Background Paper**

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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