

**LINCOLNSHIRE MAJOR HIGHWAY SCHEME UPDATE – JULY 2017****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 a Section 38 design check on the section of road which links the A16 roundabout to the adjacent London Road which is also on site being constructed. The London Road signalised junction is currently being design checked by TSP designers and is due to commence soon.

**SPALDING WESTERN RELIEF ROAD**

South East Lincolnshire Local Plan – The Spalding Western Relief Road is referred to in the draft South East Lincolnshire Local Plan. The local plan has been subject to a public consultation which has ended and now South Holland District Council in collaboration with Lincolnshire County Council are preparing for an "Examination in Public" in October/November.

Current Position – South Phase – Lincolnshire County Council and the developer are in negotiations regarding a financial agreement for funding this section of the Spalding Western Relief Road. A principle has been agreed and is the subject of an independent financial/regulatory review to ensure this is right for the authority. Following this process the next steps are to engage with Network Rail and draft a planning application for submission.

Current Position North Phase – South Holland District Council was successful in gaining Homes and Communities Agency funding to allow for a Master Planning exercise to be developed for the whole Spalding Western Relief Road (excluding the southern section). This master planning is programmed to be complete by the end of the 2017/18 financial year with interim results gained in August for use in the Examination in Public.

**A17 CARRIAGEWAY WIDENING, GEDNEY**

Background – A 1.6 km length of Wide Single 2+1 alignment on A17 between the roundabout junction of A17/Station Road, Gedney, and the junction with Lutton Garnsgate. The scheme will provide overtaking opportunities for traffic and improve journey times.

Current Position – The scheme is at detailed design phase with a proposal to go to tender in October/November 2017 and be constructed January 2018 to March 2018.

These dates are critical to ensure the National Productivity Investment Fund DfT funding is used by Lincolnshire County Council within the 2017/18 financial year. The physical works entail widening the existing carriageway by approximately 1.5 to 2 m and then constructing a third lane to accommodate the overtaking lane. There are complex traffic management proposals being developed as Highways England are planning conflicting works on their network.

### **A17/A151 PEPPERMINT JUNCTION, HOLBEACH**

Background – A joint highways and development scheme which consists of a three arm roundabout at A17/A151 junction and a four arm roundabout on the A151. This will improve road safety and open up land for mixed development, including around 1000 houses and is designed to relieve traffic from Holbeach Town Centre.

Current Position – This scheme has been awarded to Eurovia Ltd to construct the scheme which commenced on the 8 May 2017. The scheme is on programme for completion in February 2018. Currently the A17 has temporary narrowed lane widths and a right turn ban prohibiting vehicles from turning right off the A17 onto the A151. Commencing on the 24 July 2017 the A151 will be fully closed during the school summer holidays to allow the A151 and development roundabout to be constructed. Works done to date include: utility diversions, drainage installations, cutting of new ditches, filling of existing ditches, extending and constructing new culverts and carriageway foundation works on the south side of the proposed A17/A151 roundabout.

### **NORTH HYKEHAM RELIEF ROAD (FORMERLY LINCOLN SOUTHERN BYPASS)**

Background – Scheme progressed to preferred route status agreed by the Executive on the 5 December 2006 and some "blight" property bought to deliver the scheme. Estimate for dual scheme at that time was £67 m but this has now been revised to £90 m. Ongoing discussions with developers of South West Quadrant regarding constructing part of the scheme to allow access to development land. The next significant stage is to submit a planning application for all or part of the route, although this is dependent on funding. Timescales for this activity are unknown at the present. Bids have been submitted to Lincolnshire Enterprise Partnership, Highways England, Homes Community Agency and Department for Transport to assist with funding design or construction of all or part of the scheme, all were unfortunately unsuccessful.

Current Position – Work has now commenced on preparing a further more detailed bid to Department for Transport, including confirmation of options and public and stakeholder consultation.

### **LINCOLN EASTERN BYPASS**

Current Position – The legal process to acquire land needed for the scheme has now started. A contract has been awarded to Carillion who started on site in June 2017.

A "soft start" is underway to establish the site team, secure resources through the supply chain, carry out an effective Value Engineering process and remove the risk presented by the extensive archaeological works. In addition, Carillion are co-ordinating early delivery of some diversions of statutory undertakers' equipment.

A track possession has been booked by Network Rail for October 2017; this will be a full closure of the railway to allow their contractor Bam Nuttall to construct the bridge that will take the Lincoln to Spalding railway over the bypass. Network Rail commenced work on site in December 2016 and will be completed by April 2018. This will allow Carillion's main earthworks operation to commence.

A scheme of archaeological investigation commenced in September, initially focused on the area required by Network Rail. A significant number of interesting finds have been discovered and recorded but the scale of this work is leading to cost escalation.

## **LINCOLN FOOTBRIDGES**

High Street Footbridge – The footbridge opened in June 2016. A series a remedial works to correct defects are currently being completed by Network Rail's contractor.

Brayford Wharf East – A planning application for the new bridge was refused by the City of Lincoln Council. Network Rail is now considering their position.

## **SUTTERTON ROUNDABOUT**

Current Position – following award to North Midlands Construction, works commenced on site in January 2017 and were completed on 12 May 2017.

## **GO SKEGNESS**

Background – The Smarter Choices Team have secured £4m of funding through the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership to help improve sustainable transport links to and through Skegness and Ingoldmells. Transport studies have been conducted to identify sites where improvements can be made to assist bus movements, cyclists and pedestrian provisions and to help promote local attractions.

Various sites have cascaded out of this study and we have progressed designs, the first of which started on site in September last year. With Skegness being a busy holiday destination, we are limited to working through the winter months so as not to unnecessarily affect summer traffic movements.

Current position:

- Gibraltar Point Cyclepath Phase 3 has been successfully completed;
- Lumley Road Bus Stops have successfully been completed;
- Roman Bank, Ingoldmells, layby extension has successfully been completed;
- A52 Bus Lane extension and cyclepath, successfully completed with the exception of a few defects;

- Gibraltar Point Phase 1 has successfully been completed;
- Gibraltar Point Phase 4a has successfully been completed;

Design and project management work is well under way with the next winter tranche of schemes, the first of which Winthorpe Avenue Cycleway, from the A52 to the sea front, commences on the 4 September 2017.

Other winter 2017/2018 schemes planned are:

- Roman Bank/Sea Lane, Ingoldmells junction improvement;
- Butlins to Spirewic Avenue cycleway;
- A52 Beacon medical practice bus stops.

## **GRANTHAM SOUTHERN RELIEF ROAD (GSRR)**

Background – GSRR consists of three phases. They are King 31 Phase 1 and King 31 Phase 2 and Southern Quadrant Link Road (SQLR) Phase 3.

Current Position; King 31 Phase 1 – The road from the new roundabout on the B1174 running towards the A1 with another roundabout to a proposed development was completed in July 2016.

King 31 Phase 2 – Highways England are conducting a technical approval on the proposed design for the grade separated junction at the A1. This approval has undergone two iterations with a third iteration currently being undertaken. Once approved, Lincolnshire County Council will work alongside Highways England on taking forward statutory orders to build the scheme. Galliford Try have been appointed (through the Midlands Highways Alliance) to produce a target cost and to carry out the works, however, a works contract cannot be awarded until the outcome of the orders process is known. The current design is based on consented development in the area. A planning application was submitted on the 27 June 2017 for a designer outlet village, which could affect traffic flows differently to the previously proposed warehousing scheme.

Southern Quadrant Link Road – Phase 3 – The scheme is currently on programme. Lincolnshire County Council has a valid planning permission following approval of the S73 change to planning. The detailed design is now substantially complete. Network Rail are insisting on securing a ransom for crossing the East Coast main line in accordance with their Shared Value policy. Whilst the basis of a settlement has been agreed, a satisfactory outcome of the detail is required to this issue and the ongoing S106 discussions to secure a funding package. Initial archaeology works are now completed. There have been findings of significant interest which have resulted in the recommendation for further archaeological work. The decision has been made by the County Council to extend the current contract with AOC Archaeology Group to complete these works.