

## **Appendix A**

### **Major Highways Scheme Update – June 2020**

#### **Lincoln Eastern Bypass**

Work has continued on the construction of Lincoln Eastern Bypass. The Coronavirus Pandemic caused some initial delay as new working methods were introduced to ensure guidelines on social distancing were observed where possible. All operations have now recommenced but there will be additional cost pressures on the scheme which are currently being evaluated. The improved spring weather has allowed substantial progress to be made on completing the major earthworks. A new drainage sub-contractor has been engaged to improve progress on drainage installation. Specific details on progress include:

- Completed final carriageway surfacing and road markings for Sleaford Road roundabout
- Continued abutments and started fabrication of metal bridge deck for Greetwell footbridge
- Continued abutment works for South Delph footbridge
- Completed structural works for Lincoln Road underpass
- Continue drainage and fencing, and begin kerbing and ducting installation between Wragby Road to Greetwell Road
- Began pond drainage between Greetwell Road to Washingborough Road
- Began top soiling and preparing for seeding between Sleaford Road and Lincoln Road
- Fabricated permanent parapets for Hawthorn Road footbridge
- Continued abutments for Greetwell footbridge
- Completed the bridge deck pour for the River Witham Bridge
- Progress backfill and concrete string courses for River Witham Bridge
- Carry out finishing works for South Delph footbridge
- Complete abutment/wing wall works and commence concrete string courses for Bloxholm Lane footbridge

#### **Grantham Southern Relief Road**

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 main works commenced in September 2019 being constructed by Galliford Try. The Coronavirus Pandemic introduced some initial delay as new working methods were introduced to ensure guidelines on social distancing were observed where possible. All operations continued but there will be additional cost pressures on the scheme which are currently being evaluated. Detailed of work completed and in progress includes:

- Completed bored piling works to the western half of the new underpass
- Continued earthworks to the western and eastern roundabouts and slip roads, including lime modification

- Started drainage works for the eastern roundabouts
- Completed bored piling works and installed temporary sheet piling adjacent to the northbound A1
- Continued archaeological works for Phase Three east of the railway
- Carried out ground surveys and trial holes for Phase Three
- Complete pile cropping and commence reinforced concrete works to underpass
- Complete current phase of earthworks and top soiling
- Continue drainage works to the eastern roundabout and commence drainage to the western roundabout

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 in spring 2021 and take approximately three years to complete. Galliford Try have been selected to provide the initial Early Contractor Involvement. Early land access agreements have been signed which allowed for enabling works to commence in February, including: vegetation clearance, ecological works, archaeological works, fencing and topsoil strip.

### **North Hykeham Relief Road**

The Outline Business Case for the project was completed and the bid document was submitted to Midlands Connect in February. This bid has been prioritised by Midlands Connect and it has been confirmed that it has scored highly and was submitted to the DfT in July 2019. A number of positive meetings have taken place between LCC and the DfT and the assessment stage is nearing completion. The assessment will then be sent to ministers and the treasury for a decision, it is not known how long this will take.

### **Spalding Western Relief Road**

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. Further discussions are taking place with Homes England to potentially secure additional funds. Works are planned to start late 2020 with the following activities currently taking place:

- Detailed design of Section 5A is now fixed after review culminating in sign off of Departures from Standards and Stage 2 Road Safety Audit.
- Detailed designs of Section 5B are progressing and due to be completed by the end of summer 2020.
- Structures continue to be a high priority in terms of the embankment and piling solutions.
- Archaeology will take place in July 2020 on site if possible due to COVID-19.

### **A46 Dunholme/Welton Roundabout Improvement**

The A46 Dunholme/Welton roundabout improvement consists of constructing a roundabout and improving visibility at an existing 'T' junction. LCC was successful against the NPIF Tranche 2 bid for £2m. Planning approval was granted in February 2018 and detailed design is nearly complete. Legal orders were published in May 2019 and the project received two statutory and three non-statutory objections. Following extensive discussions all objections were removed and the Public Inquiry was cancelled. The DfT have subsequently confirmed the orders.

A target cost has recently been agreed with the contractor and works are planned to start July 2020.

### **A46 Lincoln Northern Roundabout Improvements**

The A46/A158 Riseholme Road Roundabout project on Lincoln's Northern Bypass attracted SLGF to a value of £2.4m. The project entails enlarging the size of the roundabout and increasing the number of lanes both entering and exiting each leg of the roundabouts. This will reduce congestion at this pinch point and improve journey time reliability.

Works started in February 2020 but were suspended by Breheny due to Covid19 impact. Breheny returned to site in May with revised working practices to comply with social distancing guidelines where possible. The contractor is working in the northwest and southeast corners. They have installed street lights, drains, connections and manholes. The lower layers of road construction are also underway.

### **Rugby Club Junction, Sleaford**

Works were due to start in late March; however the contractor suspended the commencement of any new projects and furloughed their staff. Since then however the contractor commenced the works on Wednesday 13 May with the works planned to take 5 months. There are risks surrounding the performance of utility providers, however the orders have been placed and discussions continue with them, including whether LCC's contractor can carry out the trenching and box construction on the utilities behalf.

### **Holdingham Roundabout, Sleaford**

This project was originally to follow on from the Rugby Club, but this will put the earthworks into the autumn and winter months which presents too great a risk of delays and financial costs. The decision has been made to postpone the start of work until the middle of February 2021. Final detailed design work continues.

## **Corringham Road Junction, Gainsborough**

Detailed design work continues on improving this junction to a traffic signal layout with two running lanes in either direction on Thorndike Way. The improvements will provide additional safety and capacity to accommodate predicted Local Plan growth in the area. Topographical and drainage surveys have been completed, as have 2D and 3D designs. The Traffic Signal and Street Lighting designs were completed in May.

Procurement of the works is ongoing with Balfour Beatty and Colas (delivering the traffic signal elements) with an expected start date in September 2020.

## **Roman Bank, Skegness**

The detailed design is very well advanced with the project due to be released to tender via the Councils Select List Framework in June 2020. The planned start date of works is September 2020 with a programme duration estimated to be 7-8 months. Businesses have been engaged and the Chamber of Commerce have been consulted.

The project will be subject to a full closure, however, the actual works will be broken down into smaller pieces of work, so that no one business will be adversely affected for an extended period of time.

## **Lincolnshire Coastal Highway**

Following the announcement of a Coastal Highway Budget allocation a programme of works are being developed over a number of years which will include new infrastructure and accelerated maintenance of the highway network in this area.

## **Lincoln Transport Strategy**

The strategy was formally approved by the Executive on the 7th April 2020 and the project team are now finalising the technical documents, which will be complete by the end of June 2020.

## **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. The DfT responded stating that there were insufficient funds at this time.