

Appendix A

Major Highways Scheme Update – August 2021

Lincoln Eastern Bypass

This is the final update to highlight that the road is complete with all remaining excess spoil removed from site and footpath connections made to the Sustrans route and the Viking Way. There will be ongoing landscaping works, including maintenance over the next few years along with any correction of defects should they occur.

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 project is nearing completion with the main bridge completed and the underpass excavated. The existing cattle creep has been filled in with the majority of final surfacing on the slip roads installed. Final works include realigning the A1 to how it was before the works commenced, street lighting, signage, final surfacing to the rest of the phase and landscaping. Planned completion of this phase is Winter 2021.

Phase 3 is 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. Works commenced April 2021 and have focussed on topsoil strip, embankment preparation works, ground water management and pre-bridge foundation preparation. Planned completion of this phase is Summer/Autumn 2023, however there are many risks between now and then that might impact on this planned completion.

North Hykeham Relief Road

When complete, this new road will link the A15 Lincoln Eastern Bypass with the A46 Western Bypass at Pennells Roundabout to create a full ring road around Lincoln. The project also aims to:

- Assist the sustainable economic growth of Lincoln and Lincolnshire
- Maximise accessibility to Lincoln
- Improve journey times and road safety in Lincoln

In December LCC was informed that the project had achieved programme entry approval from the DfT, which also secured £110m towards the project from the DfT. LCC accepted the terms of the funding agreement, and the project is now being progressed with a proposed start in 2025. Works are currently focussed on liaising with homeowners and landowners, compiling a reference design, agreeing a procurement strategy, detailed cost forecasting and key risk mitigation. These along with the detailed design are all in advance of the first milestone, being an application for planning permission in 2023.

Spalding Western Relief Road

Section 5 (Northern Connection) – In February 2018 SHDC in collaboration with South Holland District Council, LCC were successful in securing £12m from the HCA for delivering this section of the SWRR. Since then a further £8.13m has been sourced from the HCA. Enabling works have commenced on site, which includes archaeology investigations, some vegetation clearance, utility diversion preparation and property demolition.

A target cost has been agreed with the contractor with the remaining element to complete before main works can commence being the land acquisition. The Heads of Terms for the land is now agreed by all parties with the legal document also now drafted. LCC is awaiting a response from the landowner solicitors. Once this is agreed and sealed the project will commence immediately with an 18 months' work programme.

A46 Dunholme/Welton Roundabout Improvement

This is the final update to highlight that the roundabout is complete and operating well. There are some minor landscaping works still to complete along with some fencing and gates, however these will be completed soon.

Holdingham Roundabout, Sleaford

This scheme will ease congestion at Holdingham roundabout, increase capacity and improve traffic flow in all directions. The project entails constructing additional lanes at each approach, widening the circulatory on the roundabout and installing traffic lights to control the flow.

The works commenced in February 2021 and are programmed to be complete by the end of 2021. The following activities have taken place since the last update:

- Drainage works on the central island are complete
- Internal widening of the roundabout has been completed and traffic have been moved on to the new widened carriageway
- Approach and departure lane works continue. It has been programmed in such a way as to minimise traffic disruption (so widen on one side and surface before switching over to do the other side, where possible) – we had one-way closures programmed for four Saturdays throughout July. This was to complete the surfacing of the widening on the A17 (West) and A15 (South).
- The project is on programme for completion by the end of the calendar year

Roman Bank, Skegness

The Skegness Roman Bank Improvement scheme will see the full reconstruction of a 550-metre section of carriageway and footway between the Burgh Road/Castleton Boulevard junction to just past Elmhirst Avenue. The works include new road lining, half a mile of new drainage facilities, refurbishing the pedestrian crossing near the junction of Roman Bank and Sea View Road and rebuilding the footways on both sides of the carriageway.

Work started on site September 2020 and were progressing well, however in February/March 2021 Cadent Gas informed LCC that they would need to divert a gas main that they had previously informed the delivery team didn't need diverting. This caused a significant delay to the project and resulted in the works spanning Summer 2021 period. To

avoid the road works affecting the summer tourism period the contractor demobilised in May 2021 and will then recommence the works in September and complete the project. Due to the need to accommodate Cadent Gas this has extended the programme with completion now being Spring 2022.

In addition, Anglian Water have also insisted on a utility diversion during the works, which they previously said was not required. LCC has allowed Anglian Water to complete the diversion during the summer when the works aren't progressing, however, to date Anglian Water have failed to achieve their own programme and have still not commenced works. Anglian Water also want to progress a diversion in the works area that LCC is restarting in September, but again they have failed to plan or prepare for these works and LCC is therefore carrying on with the planned works. If Anglian Water feel that it is necessary to divert the mains, then they will need to do so at a later time once the highway works are complete.

Lincolnshire Coastal Highway

Lincolnshire County Council investigated potential improvements to the A158 across the county from the A1 to the North Sea coast, known as the 'Lincolnshire Coastal Highway'. This looked at the options for intervention along the route. In identifying improvements to the Highway, consideration was 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.

A Horncastle bypass concept paper was completed which identified expected costs and benefits. Due to the DfT scoring mechanism, the benefits are very low in comparison to the cost and therefore would not attract any central government funding. This project is therefore currently not being progressed but is included in the Council's pipeline of projects to consider in the future.

A Skegness Relief Road concept paper has also been completed which indicates a route that attracts a medium 'Benefit to Cost Ratio' score meaning that it may attract third party funding should a funding opportunity be presented.

Following the announcement of a Coastal Highway Budget allocation, a programme of works have been developed over a number of years. Approximately £6.5m has been allocated to date towards various improvements along the route. This includes carriageway reconstruction, carriageway resurfacing, guard rail replacement, white lining and new/improved pedestrian facilities.

Further projects related to the Lincolnshire Coastal Highway are currently being considered.

Wragby Pedestrian Crossings and Mini-Roundabout Improvements

This is the final update to highlight that both the pedestrian crossing on the A158 and the improvements to the mini-roundabout are complete and operating well. These sites are subject to a 1 year maintenance period where any defects will be addressed, should they occur.

Levelling Up Fund Projects (LUF)

LCC submitted a bid to central government under the LUF initiative, this consisted of the following projects:

- A16/A151 Springfields Roundabout, Spalding - capacity improvement
- A16 Greencell Roundabout (Spalding Power Station) - capacity improvement
- A16 Kirton four-way signalised junction – with associated small section of dual carriageway leading into and out of the junction along the A16
- A16 Marsh Lane Roundabout – designated north bound lane
- Boston Active travel schemes

In advance of the outcome of this funding bid LCC is progressing detailed feasibility studies for each project, which are planned to be completed February/March 2022.

Major Route Network (MRN)

Midlands Connect have announced an opportunity to bid for a small amount of revenue funds. If successful these funds can be used to progress a desired scheme to a Strategic Outline Business Case Stage. This is a rolling fund to be used over three financial years, with the intention to build-up a sizable 'pool' of credible business cases that the region can then prioritise for submission to DfT when the next MRN fund and Regional Evidence Base process is called. A date for which is unknown at this stage, but it could possibly be in 2023.

Work has commenced to identify the scheme or schemes that LCC may want to bid for.