

Appendix A

Major Highways Scheme Update – March 2022

Grantham Southern Relief Road

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

Phase 2 which is the new graded separated junction on to the A1 that was completed in December 2021. The junction is likely to open later in 2022.

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 extensive ground works, embankment construction either side of the Witham Valley and the installation of the bridge foundation piles. The piling works for the bridge piers commenced in January 2022 and the foundation for the western abutment has been completed. The next major milestone will be the installation of the first set of bridge piers later in 2022. Planned completion of this phase is 2023, however there are many risks between now and then they may 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 2020, LCC were informed that the project had achieved programme entry approval from the DfT, which also secured £110m towards the project from the DfT. A key decision is to be delivered to the executive on the 5th April 2022- as to whether to appoint a Design and Build Contractor, who in turn will appoint a design consultant. If this is approved the project will enter the next key stage of data acquisition and design in advance of a planning application being submitted in 2023. It's likely that works will commence late 2025, however the project is subject to many statutory processes and risks that have the potential to delay the scheme. It's also worth noting that current material inflation will have a significant increase of forecast scheme costs.

Spalding Western Relief Road

Section 5 (Northern Connection) – In February 2018 SHDC in collaboration with LCC were successful in securing £12m from the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) for delivering this section of the SWRR. Since then a further £8.13m has been sourced from the HCA.

Works commenced in January 2022 with the construction of the two piling platforms to allow the circa 1000 number piles to be installed to support the bridge over the rail line. In addition, the two gas main protection slabs have been commenced. The focus over the next few

months will the installation of the bridge piling network and then work will commence on the proposed roundabout on Spalding Road. Works are programmed to be completed by the end of 2023.

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.

To avoid the road works affecting the summer 2021 tourism period they were postponed and recommenced in September 2021. This delay, combined with the need to accommodate Cadent Gas works, means that the programme has been extended to Spring 2022.

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 was developed over a number of years. Approximately £6.5m has been allocated and spent to date, towards various improvements along and around the Lincolnshire Coastal Highway. 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 for the immediate future.

Levelling Up Fund Projects (LUF)

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

- A16/A151 Springfield roundabout 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 October 2021 it was announced that the bid had been successful. In advance of the positive outcome detailed feasibility studies for each project were being progressed, which are planned to be completed March 2022. Following the completion of the feasibilities the projects will commence detailed design with a view to them all being completed by March 2025. Upon completion of the detailed feasibilities the projects although being part of the umbrella LUF bid will be reported separately.

A17 Heckington Dual Carriageway

LCC was successful with a funding bid of £50k from Midlands Connect to progress a scheme to a Strategic Outline Business Case Stage. This is match funded by LCC to help build-up a sizable 'pool' of credible business cases so that the Midland Connect region can prioritise for submission to the 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.

LCC put forward the A17 Heckington dualling proposals which includes dualling the sections between the east and west junctions of Heckington and possibly some junction alterations. The Business Case is due to be completed Summer 2022.

Red Lion Square

Red Lion Square lies at the centre of historic Stamford. The project will address the issues where the sand joints have failed due to vehicles and the public passing over the paving causing damage to the setts.

The project will provide a new paved surface that has the following benefits:

- The new paving will be aesthetically sympathetic and very similar to the existing paving.
- The new paving will have a design life of at least 20 years.
- The new paving will have deeper stone setts, a new mortar bed and new mortar joints which will reduce long-term maintenance costs.

The project is currently in the procurement phase and planned to commence on site May 2022.

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