



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

Report to:	Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee
Date:	11 September 2023
Subject:	Highways Major Project Update Report

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

- 2. Grantham Southern Relief Road**
 - 2.1 Little of significance to update, other than focus has remained on installing piling for the piers and eastern abutment and further work continues on the planned bridge launch starting early 2024. The picture below provides a succinct update on the piling works for the viaduct.

GSRR – Construction of Viaduct looking north along the ECML towards Grantham



GSRR – Piling Operations for Eastern Abutment



GSRR – Pier 5 Cropped Piles



3. North Hykeham Relief Road

3.1 A though update will be provided in a separate report being presented to this committee.

4. Spalding Western Relief Road

4.1 Works have progressed with steel fixing and shuttering for the two abutments walls and foundation preparation for the two piers which are positioned between the abutments. During the last reporting period the project has had 3 successful large concrete pours, which is of note considering the significant risk of crossing the level crossing. Works will progress over the next reporting period on competing the abutments and piers and then looking at beam installation in late 2023/early 2024. During this period the lightweight fill will start to be installed and following a period of ground settlement the junction west of the rail line will also commence.

SWRR – Aerial Progress Photo in August 2023 looking north east



SWRR – Aerial Progress Photo in August 2023 looking east



SWRR – Steel fixing to west pier



5. Levelling Up Fund Projects (LUF)

5.1 Marsh Lane Roundabout and Boston Active Travel projects are progressing well. A myriad of works have taken place which includes, slitter island removal, roundabout widening, BT diversions, drainage and gully installation, footway reconstruction across the whole site, street lighting installation, sign posts installed, widening of footway around the Spirit of Endeavour. Further works have included nighttime trial holes for Cadent so they can better understand the depth of their own assets. The works remain on target for completion at the end of 2023.

Marsh Lane Roundabout Widening



New signalised junction

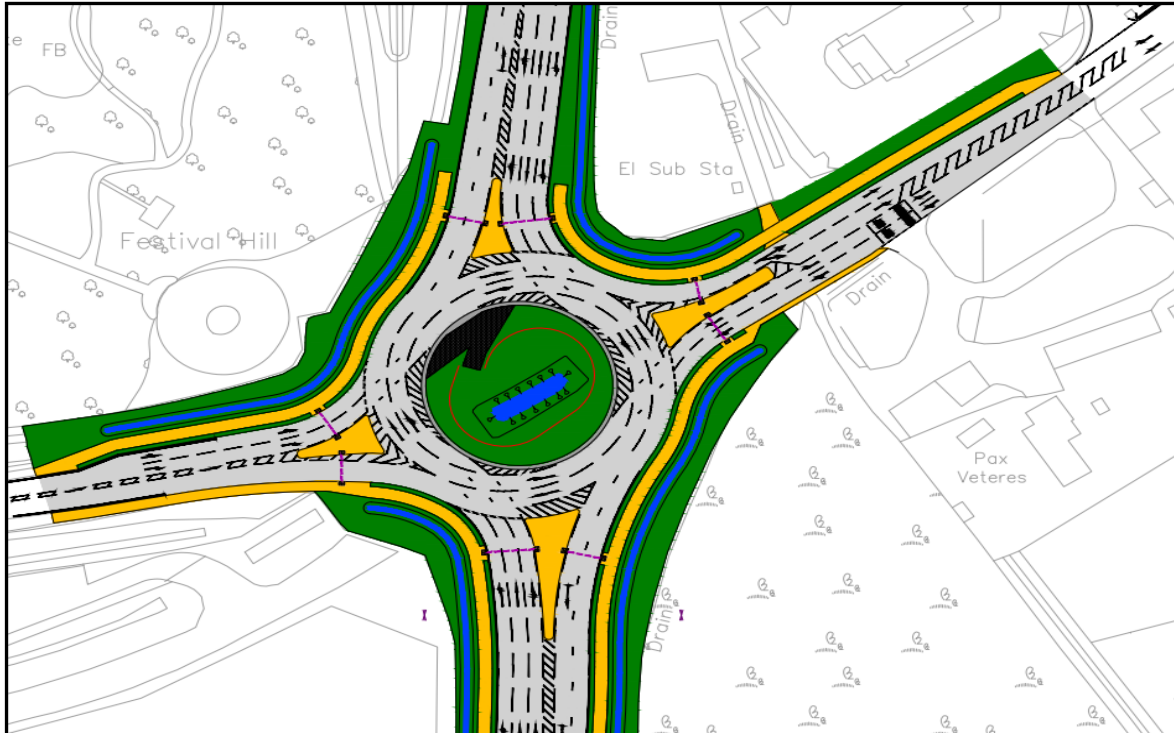


From Marsh Lane Roundabout looking south west



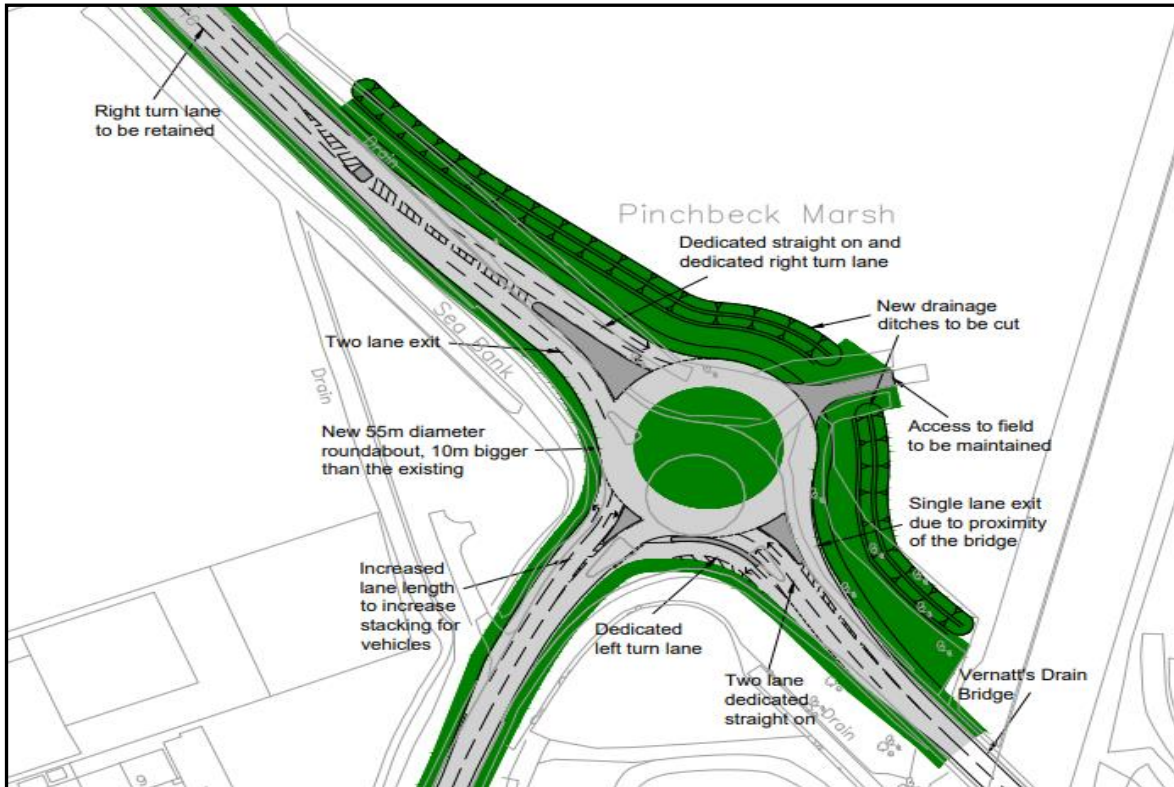
5.2 During the period the team has finalised the detailed design for Springfield Roundabout, which has been submitted to the contractor. At the time of writing this report the Target Cost is being prepared and should it align with expectations that both parties have been developing together then works shall commence late September 2023 for an approximate period of 12 months.

Springfield Road Roundabout Proposed Layout



5.3 Nothing further to update in the period for Grencell Roundabout, other than detailed design continues as per the programme, which aligns with a June 2024 start date.

Grencell Roundabout Proposed Layout



- 5.4 For Spalding Active Travel, all off- highway works have been completed adjacent to the skate park and Fulney Avenue. Work now commenced along the north side section of the A151 Holbeach Road heading towards the church. Designs progress and require approvals continue to be sought from the Environment Agency for the second part of this project along the Coronation Channel, those works are planned for Summer 2024.

Off highways work in Skatepark



Installation of bollards between road access and Skatepark



Completed section on north side of A151



6. Grantham Future High Street Fund

Both Station Approach and the Market Place schemes are on hold while the District Council considers which scheme(s), they wish to progress when accounting for the cost increases that the industry has encountered. Part of this consideration might be a reduced scope version.

It should be stressed that these are not County led projects and therefore the risk of delivery remains with the District Council.

7. Sincil Bank

7.1 Due to increased construction costs the original intention of the project has been reduced in scope. This new outline was completed in July 2023 and provided to the City of Lincoln Council for consideration with the Town Fund Board. The proposals are due to be formally reviewed by the board in September 2023. Should the board approve the reduced scope then the grant funding agreement can be signed. During the time detailed design continues to allow the proposals to be shared with the public for feedback in November 2023. Subject to a successful outcome of all these process works can start in Spring 2024.

8. Dolphin Lane

8.1 During the period works have progressed well with positive feedback. Previously the works had fallen about 10 days behind programme, however the team has now won that time back which is excellent considering some of the poor weather that's been experienced. Works are planned to be completed October 2023.

Dolphin Lane – Slab Installation



9. Conclusion

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10. Consultation

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

Not applicable.

11. 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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