

SEVENOAKS JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD – 11TH MARCH 2008

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME PROGRESS REPORT

Report of the: West Kent Divisional Manager, Kent Highway Services

Status: For Consideration

Executive Summary: This report describes the progress to date and anticipated progress over the next three months of all remaining programmed highway improvements that formed part of the 2007-08 programme.

This report supports the Key Aim of Reducing speed, encouraging safer driving and tackling known speeding crash hotspots. Also improving pedestrian safety, including measures to improve access for people with disabilities as indicated in the Sevenoaks Community Plan.

Portfolio Holder Councillor J F J London

Head of Service KHS Acting Divisional Manager – Mr David Aspinall

Recommendation: **It be RESOLVED that:**

- 1) That Members note the progress of programmed highway improvements.
- 2) That Members endorse the removal of Otford Lane, Halstead – Footway Extension (SEV 3 07/08 in Appendix A) from the approved highway improvements programme.

Background

1. A report on the progress of programmed highway improvements is made to each meeting of this Board.

Discussion

2. The planned **carriageway surfacing** programme was completed in December 2007.
3. The budget for the planned **pavement resurfacing** programme has been fully spent. Works are nearing completion on the final three roads in the programme (London Road in Sevenoaks and High Street & Fircroft Way in Edenbridge). Resurfacing the pavements in Sevenoaks High Street has been delayed to officers to ensure that utility companies are afforded the maximum opportunity to carry out their works prior to KCC works starting.

4. The progress of all **highway improvement schemes** is detailed in the Appendix. Items of note are as follows
- 4.1 **Otford Lane, Halstead – Footway Extension** (SEV 3 07/08 in Appendix A). In 2005, Kent Highway Services consulted on the building of a 30-metre length of footway alongside the school in Otford Lane. A weak response led to the proposal being shelved. Nonetheless, because officers considered that it offered an improved walking environment, they included it in the 2006-07 highway improvement programme. However, in the course of outline design, it became apparent in discussions with representatives of the school that the necessary removal of an established hedge to build the path was a significant source of objection. Officers have tried to obtain a categorical statement from the Head Teacher as to whether the school wishes to formerly oppose or support the new footway. Unfortunately, this has not been forthcoming. To date, officers have not received any indication from the school that it considers the path necessary or even desirable. In the absence of this, officers **recommend that the proposal be formally withdrawn from the programme**
- 4.2 **Hildenborough Road, Leigh – New footway** (SEV 6 in Appendix A). After works had started on site, officers were alerted an adjacent land-owner had long-ago registered the land on which the path was being built. Although Kent County Council records it as forming part of the highway, the evidence was not sufficiently robust to justify the works continuing. Accordingly, works have been postponed whilst negotiations are undertaken with those who have registered the land. It is not possible to say when these negotiations will be complete or what the outcome is likely to be. If the outcome necessitates a significant variation to the proposal agreed by this Board, a further report will be made before work recommences.
- 4.3 **Childsbridge Lane, Seal – Speed Management** (SEV 7 in Appendix A). Officers have been unable to prepare a design that fulfils the local criteria, the available budget and design codes of practice in time to assure Members of what can be built and when. Significant redesign is required and this, in turn, will need to be consulted upon. This means that the revised proposal must, in time, be reassessed under the PIPKIN priority assessment system approved by the County Council's Highways Advisory Board. A more detailed update will be provided to Members at the next meeting of this Board.
- 4.4 **Station Road, Shoreham - New footway** between the village and Shoreham railway station (SEV 18 in Appendix A). Under the PIPKIN priority assessment system approved by the County Council's Highways Advisory Board, the proposed footway between Shoreham Station and the village has failed to attain sufficient priority to attract funding in 2008-09. The outline design has therefore not progressed beyond the conceptual stage reported to the last meeting of this Board. Prior to the next meeting of this Board, Officers will explore any other sources of funding that would enable this project to come to fruition.

Key Implications

Financial; Resource (non-financial); Legal etc.; Value For Money

None for Sevenoaks District Council as a result of this report.

The implications of these for Kent County Council are integral to the Highway Maintenance Budget Model.

Sources of Information: None

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RISK ASSESSMENT STATEMENT

The Highway Maintenance Budget Model is, essentially, a risk assessment statement.

5. Appendix

A: Progress report for Highway Improvement Schemes

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KHS Ref	Scheme Name	Description of Works	Current Progress	Anticipated Actions for next 3 months (Prior to next JTB)	Estimated Cost in 2007/08	Kent Highway Services Contact 08458 247800
SEV 1 07/08	High Street, Edenbridge – traffic management	Traffic management scheme with enhanced pedestrian accessibility. Proposals include traffic calming, controlled on-street parking, repaving and environmental improvements.	Works underway	Works due to be completed by Sunday 30 th March in time for opening ceremony.	£330k, funded by SEEDA, developer's Section 106 contribution. KHS & Town Council to top up funding	Julian Cook
SEV 2 07/08	Hartfield Road Cowden – road safety improvements	Visibility improvements by removing existing hedge and planting of a replacement in Blowers Hill at the junction with Hartfield Road	Works completed	None	£19k	Geoff Dance
SEV 3 07/08	Otford Lane, Halstead - Footway extension	Approximately 30metres of new footway adjacent to Halstead Primary School	See Text in body of report	None.	£5k	Andrew Burton
SEV 4 07/08	London Road, Swanley – Cycle route	Extending the existing cycle route on London Road from Walnut Way to town centre with links to Swanley station, and the schools in St Mary's Rd.	Outline design and initial Consultation undertaken. Detailed design being progressed,	Works due on site in June 2008.	£65k	Julian Cook
SEV 5 07/08	London Road, Swanley - speed limit reduction	Reduce speed limit from 40mph to 30mph	Scheme deferred – subject to Countywide review of Speed limits.	None	£10k	Ray Dines
SEV 6 07/08	Hildenborough Road, Leigh – New footway	New footway between Home Farm and the village.	See text in body of report		£73k	Geoff Dance

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SEV 7 07/08	Childsbridge Lane, Seal – Speed management	Speed management measures including new formal pedestrian crossing to assist pedestrians accessing the school in Zambra Way.	See text in body of report		£35k	Ray Dines
SEV 8 07/08	Main Road, Crockham Hill Speed management	Speed management measures including measures to assist pedestrians crossing the road in the village centre	Detailed design completed, and consultation undertaken.	Works programmed to commence from 17 th March 2008 and to take 7 weeks to be completed	£62k	Julian Cook
SEV 9.1 07/08	Various sites, Districtwide - Safer Routes to school : (schemes to support school travel plans, with respect to walking, public transport and cycling)	Swan Lane, Edenbridge – bus stop for school bus	Works completed	none	£6k	Simon Allsopp
SEV 9.2 07/08		school “wigwags” (two flashing amber warning lights) in Penshurst	Works ordered	Works programmed for April	£6k	Simon Allsopp
SEV 9.3 07/08		South Park, Sevenoaks ; pedestrian refuge, junction alteration & school “ wig wags” to improve road safety	Works ordered	Works programmed for April	£8K	Simon Allsopp
SEV 9.4 07/08		Weald Road – Sevenoaks Weald : Footway extension & hard standing area at the bus stop	Works completed	none	£6k	Simon Allsopp
SEV 10 07/08	Seal Hollow Rd Sevenoaks - Speed management	Proposed footway improvements and traffic calming. Includes the proposed partial closure of one leg of the junction with Hillingdon Avenue	Scheme deferred	None	£10k	Ray Dines
SEV 11 07/08	Main Road, Sundridge - Junction Safety	New high friction surfacing on approach to Dryhill Lane / Dunbrik crossroads; possible extension of central reservation on Main Road and/or visibility improvements from Dryhill Lane	High friction surfacing on westbound carriageway completed. Visibility improvements from Dryhill Lane not being pursued	High friction surfacing to be laid on eastbound carriageway in May 2008	£35k	Julian Cook

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SEV 12 07/08	Ash Road, Hartley - Interactive Speed Sign	Traffic sign that only becomes visible when an approaching driver's speed is too high	Works completed	None	Nil to KCC Nil to SDC	Alan Ross
SEV 13 07/08	Chevening Rd, Chipstead - Interactive Speed Sign	Traffic sign that only becomes visible when an approaching driver's speed is too high	Sites assessments across the county completed. Posts installed in February.	Remaining signs to be installed in March and EDF to connect to power supply	Nil to KCC Nil to SDC	Alan Ross
SEV 14 07/08	SD243 Hodsoll Street Bridleway Improvement	This existing bridleway links Hodsoll Street with Ridley. An all-weather surface to provide off-road provision for cyclists is proposed	Works ordered	Works start March 2008	£12k	Geoff Dance
SEV 15.0 07/08	Various sites, Sevenoaks – Congestion relief	Assessment of congestion hotspots including review of traffic signal settings and implementation of system improvements.	Improvements to Bat and Ball junction designed	Improvements to Bat and Ball junction to be ordered	£20k	Ray Dines
SEV 16.0 07/08	Various sites, Sevenoaks - key pedestrian routes	Improvements includes footpath strengthening, safety barriers and tactile paving at junctions; general improvement of footpath environment.	Works ordered	Works start March 2008	£22.1k	Geoff Dance
SEV 17 07/08	Ensfield Road, Leigh – Footway	Demarcated footway under railway bridge to link the village with the westbound platform at Leigh Station	Works completed	None	£1K	Daniel Cumberland
SEV 18 07/08	Station Road, Shoreham - Footway Link	New footway between the village and Shoreham railway station.	See text in body of report		£3K	Ray Dines