

SEVENOAKS JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD – 16 JUNE 2009

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME PROGRESS REPORT

Report of the: Interim Director of 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 2009/10 programmed highway improvements.

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 Mr David Brazier

Head of Service KHS – Head of Countywide Improvements – Behdad Haratbar

Recommendation: It be RESOLVED that Members note the progress of programmed highway improvements.

Background

- 1 The progress of all the proposed highway improvement schemes for 2009/10 in the Sevenoaks district are detailed in Appendix A. Details of the progress of schemes not completed in previous years are also listed.

Discussion

- 2 **Childsbridge Lane, Kemsing; zebra crossing.** Following a public notice advising residents of the planned installation of a zebra crossing in Childsbridge Lane, Kemsing, the Council received five letters of objection. These were considered as reported separately on this Agenda.

Key Implications

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

- 3 None for Sevenoaks District Council or Kent County Council as a result of this report.

Risk Assessment Statement

- 4 None.

Appendices

A Progress on Highway Improvement schemes

Sources of Information: None

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Highway Improvement Programme: Sevenoaks District 2009-10

| KHS Ref | Location | Description of Works | Current Progress | Anticipated Actions for next 3 months (Prior to next JTB) | Original Allocation 2009 - 10 | Forecast Out-turn 2009 - 10 | Kent Highway Services Contact 08458 247800 |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 07-ITS-SE-01 | Hildenborough Road, Leigh | 2007 scheme - Phase 2 of new footway between Home Park Farm and Gibbs Field | Detailed design completed, discussions regarding land ownership have reached an impasse | Works cannot proceed until land is acquired. Insufficient justification for seeking compulsory purchase. KCC continues to work with land-owner to seek a mutually acceptable resolution | £50k | £0k | Andrew Burton |
| 07-ITS-SE-08 | Hartfield Road Cowden | 2007 scheme - Phase 2 of visibility improvements at the junction of Blowers Hill and Hartfield Road | Detailed design completed. Works to be progressed subject to permission from land owners. | When land has been successfully transferred to KCC's ownership, work to the hedge will start. | £2k | £2k | Julie Emmett |
| 07-ITS-SE-07 | Childsbridge Lane, Seal | 2007 scheme - new zebra crossing to assist pedestrians accessing the school in Zambra Way. | Installation was completed in April 2009, but KCC's order to EdF was mislaid, delaying completion | EdF to connect belisha beacons to their electrical supply in June 2009. High friction surfacing to be laid in August 2009 | £5k | £13k | Helen Cobby |
| 08-ITS-SE-01 | Bat'n'Ball junction, Sevenoaks | 2008 scheme - realign junction, creating three-lanes on approach from Bradbourne Vale Road | Scheme on hold | Scheme still on hold: await outcome of likely junction modifications arising from nearby planning application | £20k | £0k | Malcolm Appleby |
| 08-ITS-SE-03 | Darent Valley – Farningham to Otford | 2008 scheme - cycle stands and improved signing for pedestrians & cyclists | Slow progress | Project to be re-evaluated in conjunction with local Members and Parish Council to ensure that forecast benefits are achievable | £25k | £25k | Andrew Burton |

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| 09-ITS-SE-01 | London Road, Swanley - | Speed Limit & Cycle Route Extension at Birchwood | Funding secured | Design work will commence July 2009 with a forecast build date of February 2010 | £50K | £50K | Andrew Burton |
| 09-ITS-SE-02 | Various roads, District-wide | Pedestrian crossing improvements | Locations for improvements have yet to be identified | Officers to consult local equal-access representative | £12K | £12K | Aziz Jiwaji |
| 09-ITS-SE-03 | Childsbridge Lane Kemsing | Zebra crossing | See main text of this report. Works scheduled to be completed on June 4 2009 | High friction surfacing to be laid in August 2009 | £20K | £22K | Helen Cobby |