

SEVENOAKS JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD – 22 SEPTEMBER 2009

HIGHWAY SCHEME IMPROVEMENT PROPOSALS 2010/11

Report of the: Interim Director of Kent Highway Services

Status: For Consideration

Executive Summary: This report updates Members on the status of highway improvement schemes in the District of Sevenoaks that have been considered for inclusion in next year's Local Transport Plan capital programme.

This report supports the Key Aims of reducing speed, encouraging safer driving and tackling crash hotspots. The Sevenoaks Community Plan also seeks to improve pedestrian safety, including measures to improve access for people with disabilities.

Chairman Cllr. Coates

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

Recommendation: That Members note the progress of highway improvements being considered for inclusion in the 2010/11 capital programme.

Background

- 1 At the last meeting of this Board, Members were notified of thirty schemes that had been shortlisted for potential inclusion in Kent County Council's (KCC's) 2010-11 Local Transport Plan capital programme. These schemes have now been developed further with greater focus being placed on the budget that is likely to be allocated in 2010-11 to pay for them. The budget that is allocated will decide the number of schemes that can be built.
- 2 At their meeting in May, KCC's Highways Advisory Board decided that each Joint Transportation Board would be able to raise the priority of up to eight of the schemes in their area that had been shortlisted by awarding "bonus points" to boost those schemes' numerical priority score. Eight points were to be awarded for the most favoured scheme, reducing to one point for the eighth most favoured. However, this policy is being reviewed and will be discussed in a meeting to be held this month between the Chair of this Board and the County Council's Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways & Waste.
- 3 For this reason, and contrary to the advice given to the last meeting of this Board, it would be premature for this Board to be offered the opportunity of increasing the priority of any of the shortlisted schemes. Instead, this report is for Members' information.

Discussion

- 4 Based purely on a technical assessment of their compliance with the objectives of the Local Transport Plan 2006-11, Appendix A lists the schemes with a sufficient priority score to remain in the shortlist of schemes contending for inclusion in KCC's 2010-11 capital programme. This is based on the forecast that the budget to be allocated in 2010-11 will not be sufficient to include any scheme with a score of less than 60. Thus, even were this Board to award the maximum eight "bonus points" to a lower-scoring scheme, it would not be possible to fund any scheme with a technical assessment score of less than 52.
- 5 The minimum score described above does not apply to schemes designed solely to remedy problems that have led to an unexpectedly high number of casualties following road traffic accidents (termed "crash remedial measures"). There is only one such scheme in the District; the junction of High Street and Croydon Road in Westerham (referenced as SE 00in Appendix A to this report).
- 6 Two (related) schemes have scored above the threshold to warrant their inclusion in the shortlist for funding in 2010-11 but, even if funding were awarded, will not be sufficiently developed to enable any works to start next financial year. Proposals to reverse the direction of traffic through the Sevenoaks Bus Station scored 69.8 and proposals to develop the possibility of introducing a one-way system in High Street, London Road and Pembroke Road scored 54.2. Although no building work will be carried out, both schemes will be developed further to enable a full cost-benefit analysis to be published prior to any scheme's adoption as a firm proposal.
- 7 Based on the above, Appendix B lists those schemes that have been previously reported to this Board as having been shortlisted for inclusion in the County Council's 2010-11 capital programme, but which, even with priority-boosting by this Board as described in paragraph 2, are now very unlikely to pass the priority threshold to secure funding next year.

Key Implications

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

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

Risk Assessment Statement

- 9 None.

Appendices

Appendix A – Highway Schemes Shortlisted for the 2010-11 Capital Programme

Appendix B - Highway Schemes No Longer Shortlisted for the 2010-11 Capital Programme

Sources of Information:

Kent County Council Local Transport Plan 2006-11:
(www.kent.gov.uk/static/local-transport-plan)

Agenda Item 11, Kent County Council's Highways
Advisory Board, 5 May 2009, "Scheme Prioritisation
System

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APPENDIX A: Proposed Highway Improvement Schemes Remaining on the Shortlist the for 2010-11 Capital Programme

KCC Ref	Location & Ward	Description of Proposed Scheme	Priority Score (100=highest, 0=lowest)	Est. Cost	Contact 0845 8247 800
SEV 00	High Street, Westerham	Westerham and Crockham Hill Crash remedial scheme at junction with Croydon Road including: a) realigning service road's access at mouth of junction b) improving quality of pedestrian crossing points in High Street and Croydon Road c) tightening the left-turn from Croydon Road into High Street	see text	£30K	Andrew Burton
SEV 06	Sevenoaks	Sevenoaks Town and St John's	Urban Traffic Management Control system to reduce delays at existing traffic signals	59.6	£230K Sue Westwood
SEV 08	Bus Route 402 (Tunbridge Wells to Bromley)	Weald; Sevenoaks Town and St John's; Dunton Green and Riverhead; Halstead, Knockholt and Badgers Mount	Raised kerbs, bus stop clearways and new bus stop flags at various stops between Morley's Roundabout and Knockholt Station	56.1	£138K Stephen Noad
SEV 14	Amherst Hill & Tubs Hill Sevenoaks	Dunton Green and Riverhead	Advisory cycle lane/route to Sevenoaks railway station	61.2	£57K Malcolm Appleby
SEV 25	Knockholt Station	Halstead, Knockholt and Badgers Mount	Cycle Parking	54.6	£6K Malcolm Appleby

APPENDIX B: Proposed Highway Improvement Schemes NO LONGER SHORTLISTED for the 2010-11 Capital Programme

KCC Ref	Location & Ward		Description of Proposed Scheme	Priority Score (100=highest, 0=lowest)	Est. Cost	Contact 0845 8247 800
SEV 01	Eynsford	Eynsford	Darent Valley cycling and pedestrian accessibility Phase 2	48.8	£30K	Malcolm Appleby
SEV 02	Sevenoaks	Sevenoaks Town and St John's	New and improved pram ramp crossing points	26.6	£6K	Malcolm Appleby
SEV 03	Edenbridge	Edenbridge North and East	New and improved pram ramp crossing points	34.4	£6K	Malcolm Appleby
SEV 04	Westerham	Westerham and Crockham Hill	New and improved pram ramp crossing points	40.0	£6K	Malcolm Appleby
SEV 05	Swanley town centre	Swanley White Oak	Urban Traffic Management Control system to reduce delays at existing traffic signals	50.7	£230K	Sue Westwood
SEV 07	High Street, London Rd & Pembroke Rd	Sevenoaks Town and St John's	Development of proposal to introduce busses-only in part of High Street or one-way traffic in one or more of these roads	54.2 but see text	tba	Malcolm Appleby
SEV 09	Hartfield Road	Cowden and Hever	Improved traffic signs and road markings	17.1	£69K	Malcolm Appleby
SEV 10	Station Road, Shoreham	Otford and Shoreham	Footway from village to railway station	31.3	£92K	Malcolm Appleby

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SEV 11	Bus Route 236 (East Grinstead to Westerham)	Westerham and Crockham Hill; Edenbridge North and East; Edenbridge South and West	Raised kerbs, bus stop clearways and new bus stop flags between Westerham and Marsh Green	39.9	£92K	Stephen Noad
SEV 12	High Street Otford	Otford and Shoreham	Zebra crossing close to car park and school	28.3	£57K	Malcolm Appleby
SEV 13	London Road Riverhead	Dunton Green and Riverhead	Puffin Crossing close to Aisher Way ("Tesco") roundabout	42.8	£57K	Malcolm Appleby
SEV 16	Otford	Otford and Shoreham	Improving cyclists' and pedestrians' accessibility	47.7	£57K	Malcolm Appleby
SEV 17	High Street	Eynsford	Traffic management improvements	49.9	£46K	Malcolm Appleby
SEV 18	London Road, Swanley	Farningham, Horton Kirby and South Darenth	Footway between M25 Junction 3 and the Teardrop Centre	38.6	£86K	Malcolm Appleby
SEV 19	Mont St Aignon Way	Edenbridge South and West	Pedestrian crossing facility improvements	25.3	£35K	Malcolm Appleby
SEV 21	Suffolk Way / Pembroke Way	Sevenoaks Town and St John's	Junction modifications (linked to schemes referenced SEV 07 & SEV 22)	47.3	£35K	Malcolm Appleby

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SEV 20	New Barn Rd, Hextable	Hextable	Pedestrian crossing facility for school pupils	45.7	£35K	Malcolm Appleby
SEV 22	Sevenoaks Bus Station	Sevenoaks Town and St John's	Reversal of direction of traffic through Suffolk Way bus station	69.8 but see text	tba	Malcolm Appleby
SEV 23	Seal Road, Greatness	Seal and Weald	Pedestrian crossing facility including improvements to visibility near park	36.8	£35K	Steve Noad
SEV 24	Sycamore Dr, Swanley	Swanley White Oak	Pedestrian crossing facility for school pupils	45.5	£23K	Malcolm Appleby
SEV 26	Bartholomew Way (B2173)	Swanley St Mary's	Pedestrian refuges	40.7	£18K	Malcolm Appleby
SEV 27	Swanley Lane	Swanley St Mary's	Raised kerbs, bus stop clearways and new bus stop flags at bus stops	38.0	£18K	Malcolm Appleby
SEV 28	Sevenoaks	Sevenoaks Town and St John's	cycle parking	44.2	£12K	Malcolm Appleby
SEV 29	Westerham Rd, Bessel's Green	Dunton Green and Riverhead	A21/A25 Junction modification	31.6	£115K	Malcolm Appleby

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SEV 30	Station Road, Edenbridge	Edenbridge North and East	Traffic management under railway bridge including traffic light control	36.2	£173K	Steven Noad
SEV 31	Main Road, Sundridge	Brasted, Chevening and Sundridge	New pedestrian crossing and upgrade to existing crossing	12.0	£57K	Malcolm Appleby