

SEVENOAKS JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD – 21 SEPTEMBER 2010

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME PROGRESS REPORT

Report of the: 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 programmed highway improvements and those schemes that are expected to be included in Kent County Council's 2010-11 Capital 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 Mr David Brazier

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

Recommendation:

That Members NOTE the progress of programmed highway improvements listed in Appendix A

Background and Discussion

- 1 The progress of all the remaining proposed highway improvement schemes for 2010/11 in the Sevenoaks district is detailed in Appendix A.
- 2 This Appendix also reports planned highway improvements that County Members have decided to fund out of the annual £25,000 placed under each of their control as part of the Members' Highway Fund initiative.
- 3 On June 29 2010, as a result of the national savings in spending that the Government recently announced, KCC published details of those schemes it expected to be affected by a £4.1 million reduction in this year's integrated transport budget. These savings were confirmed at the meeting of Cabinet on 12 July 2010 and two schemes that were to have built in Sevenoaks during 2010-11 have now been removed from this year's programme:

2010/11 Local Transport Plan Schemes NOT now to be Funded in 2010-11	Original budget
Extend cycle path to London boundary and modify Birchwood Rd junction to reduce traffic queues	£40K
Measures to improve pedestrian accessibility to Shoreham station	£25K

4. The schemes that were selected for withdrawal of funding were based on the degree to which their objectives meet four criteria: whether a scheme improves road safety; reduces congestion; is already underway; or has generated significant external funding that would otherwise be lost.

Key Implications

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

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

Risk Assessment Statement

6. None.

Appendices

A Progress on Highway Improvement schemes

Sources of Information: None

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Highway Improvement Programme: Sevenoaks District 2010-11

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KHS Ref	Location	Description of Works	Current Progress	Anticipated Actions for next 3 months (Prior to next JTB)	Original Allocation 2010-11	Forecast Out-turn 2010-11	KCC Contact 08458 247800
10-ITS-SE-02	High Street, Eynsford	Facilities to help pedestrians cross the road outside the primary school	Staffing reductions at KCC have delayed detailed design leading to works being delayed by two months	Detailed design will commence October with installation scheduled for Spring Half Term 2011	£27k	£27k	Andy Padgham

Schemes with Funding from KCC's Member Highway Fund Approved:

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CSM 100041 65	Riverside, Eynsford	Resurfacing and kerbing alongside riverbank to improve drainage and reduce erosion by cars parking. Funding from £26K of local Member's Highway Fund (supplemented by KCC Maintenance budget)	Staffing reductions at KCC have delayed detailed design leading to works being delayed by a month	Installation date is dependent on the progress of two separate sections of resurfacing of Riverside due November 2010 and January 2011	£32K	£32K	Helen Cobby
CSM 100040 50	Four Elms Road, Four Elms	Bus Shelter. Funding from local Member's Highway Fund	Works complete June 2010	None – this scheme will no longer be reported to this Board			Helen Cobby

