

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

TO: ASHFORD JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DATE: 14 JUNE 2011
SUBJECT: Highway Improvement Scheme Update
BY: Traffic Scheme & Member Highway Fund Manager
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: Update on Integrated Transport Schemes to be implemented this financial year

Decision Required: For information

Introduction

1. On 8 April 2011, Kent County Council's Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste announced the programme of works that would comprise the Integrated Transport Programme 2011-12 at the KCC Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee (please see Appendix A).

Discussion

2. Appendix A to this report identifies the Integrated Transport schemes to be implemented in 2011-12.
3. The schemes in Appendix A have been mainly compiled from the 2010-11 schemes list. Members are aware that following the coalition Government's decision to reduce the in-year local authority Integrated Transport budget in June 2010, the County Council had to undertake a review of its capital funding prioritisation. This resulted in a significant reduction in the number of schemes that were programmed for delivery during the last financial year. This reduction was endorsed by KCC Cabinet scrutiny in July 2010.
4. Therefore, the 2011-12 Integrated Transport programme aims to clear some of the backlog of schemes which had previously been assessed, designed and consulted on and formally approved by the Cabinet Member. The schemes that will be delivered in 2011-12 focus on improving road safety, tackling congestion and maximising external funding contributions.

Future bids for funding

5. It is likely that approved schemes from the 2010-11 programme that have not yet been implemented will be given priority when compiling the 2012-13 programme.

6. For this reason, KHS are not investing significant resources in developing new Integrated Transport schemes at present. Only those that can demonstrate a quantifiable injury crash saving or assist in obtaining alternative sources of funding will be progressed. Instead, Members are encouraged to explore the opportunities presented by the Member Highway Fund. It has been agreed that their current Member Highway Fund Allocations will not be carried over in to next financial year and therefore, all current allocations need to be spent by the end of this current financial year and as yet in (DISTRICT) (£) is still to be committed.

Decision Required

7. To note the report.

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Appendix A

Section of POSC report relating to the Integrated Transport Programme 2011-12

Bryan Sweetland – Cabinet Member Verbal Update Environment, Highways & Waste Policy Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 8 April 2011

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

2011/12 Integrated Transport Schemes (scheme list attached for Members information)

- Kent's 2011/12 Integrated Transport scheme capital allocation from Government is **£8.199m** and this is not ring fenced. Once the sums for road maintenance, the Member Highway Fund, A2 slips, Maidstone High Street and forward design costs are taken out, we are left with a total of **£2.4m**.
- **£500k** will be top-sliced and allocated for Casualty Reduction Measures. This programme is derived from the annual crash cluster site reviews and route studies. Safety schemes which save the number of casualties are given top priority.
- **£100k** is needed to fund **reactive Casualty Reduction Measures**. Enabling KHS to react quickly to deliver low cost, easily implemented safety schemes identified throughout the year.
- **£500k** will fund **Intelligent Transport Systems and Traffic Management**.
- The remainder of the programme is a mixture of bus route improvements, Safer Routes to Schools, and funding to match investment by partners in bus and rail. Nearly all are deferred schemes from 2010/11, removed as a result of needing to make in-year savings.
- Many of the schemes within the programme have been developed in consultation with local stakeholders and Members. The schemes will be reported back through the Joint Transportation Boards as part of the ongoing design and consultation process.

Priority	Description	Objective	Comments	£
East 1	Garlinge Primary School - SRTS (Thanet)	Road Safety	Safer route to schools scheme with strong local and member support	111,000
East 2	Thanet QBPs - Stagecoach Loop/ Eastonways (Thanet to Margate)	Congestion / Access	Clearways, poles/flags, timetable cases and raised boarders at principal stops on the Stagecoach <i>Thanet Loop</i> and to support Eastonways 39 & 56 <i>County Links</i> liveried buses	50,000
East 3	Shepway/ Dover QBPs - Routes 101/102 (Folkestone to Dover)	Congestion / Access	Clearways, poles/flags, timetable cases and raised boarders at principal stops on 101/102 routes. Match funded with Stagecoach providing new buses and higher frequency services.	50,000
East 5	Swale QBP - Multi Operator Routes	Accessing Services	Plans are being developed to pilot a community focused demand responsive bus network for Swale. This infrastructure fund will match a bid for revenue support to Government this April. The launch of a Swale QBP is supported by Swale Members.	50,000
East 6	Shepway QBP - Routes 101/102 (Hythe to Lydd)	Congestion / Access	Clearways, poles/flags, timetable cases and raised boarders at principal stops on 101/102 routes. Match funded with Stagecoach providing new buses and higher frequency services.	50,000
East 7	Dover QBP - Dover Town Routes	Congestion / Access	Clearways, poles/flags, timetable cases and raised boarders at principal stops on 101/102 routes. Match funded with Stagecoach providing new buses.	50,000
East Kent Total				361,000

Mid 1	Sustainable Transport Measures - West Malling to Leybourne (Tonbridge & Malling)	Congestion / Access	To fund scheme design as part of Section 106 contributions package	50,000
Mid 2	Medway Valley Line Station accesses (Maidstone)	Congestion / Access	Match funding - Community Rail Partnership with Southeastern	50,000
Mid Kent Total				100,000

Priority	Description	Objective	Comments	£
West 1	Pembury Hospital bus route improvements (Tunbridge Wells)	Congestion / Access	Match funding S106 for Pembury Hospital. Bus and bus stop infrastructure	250,000
West 2	Cycle Infrastructure Improvements (Gravesham, Pelham)	Tackling congestion	Minor infrastructure and links at Lion Roundabout to NW Kent Colledge	5,000
West 3	Network Improvements London Road Swanley (Phase 2 - Birchwood) (Sevenoaks)	Improving air quality	Network improvement scheme to tackle congestion and improve air quality	40,000
West 4	St John's Road bus & cycle route (Campus Link) (Tunbridge Wells)	Tackling congestion	S106 Match funding and part of Tunbridge Wells Quality Bus Partnership	85,000
West 5	Northfleet - Ebbsfleet Station (Gravesham, Woodlands)	Congestion / Road Safety	Improved pedestrian/ cycle routes between stations. Links to 2012 Olympics	40,000
West 6	Coldharbour Road, Northfleet (Gravesham)	Congestion / Access	Traffic island/footway to bus stops. Improved access to an OAP home. Tackles crash problems	46,000
West 7	Sevenoaks Station Multimodal Interchange	Congestion / Access	Match funding for National Station Improvement Programme. Scheme will provide a bus/rail interchange and improved pedestrian/ cycle links.	200,000
			West Kent Total	666,000

CW1	Bus Stop Infrastructure Improvements	Access	Reactive bus stop maintenance and minor improvement programme	68,000
CW2	Smart card ticket machines	Tackling Congestion	The remaining contribution to Stagecoach to GPS enable their ticket machines. Links to congestion monitoring and passenger info systems.	55,000
			Countywide Total	123,000

Summary:	Total for Schemes	1,250,000
	Casualty Reduction Measures (top-slice)	500,000
	Intelligent Transport Systems/ Traffic Management	500,000
	Reactive Casualty Reduction Measures	100,000
	Equalities Act - dropped kerb pedestrian crossings	50,000
	Staffing/OH/CO's	500,000
	Grand Total	2,900,000