

# ASHFORD JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2011

<b>Subject:</b>	Highway Works Programme 2011/12
<b>Director/Head of Service:</b>	Kent County Council- Highways and Transportation
<b>Decision Issues:</b>	<b>These matters are within the authority of the Board</b>
<b>Decision:</b>	Non-key
<b>Ward/Division:</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Summary:</b>	<i>This report updates Members on the identified schemes approved for construction in 2011/12</i>
<b>To Recommend:</b>	<b>This report is for Members' information.</b>
<b>Classification:</b>	THIS REPORT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

## Introduction

1. This report is an update on that made to previous meetings of the Board and summarises the identified schemes that have been programmed for construction by Kent County Council in 2011/12.

## Road Surface Treatments

**Thin surfacing** - see Appendix A1

**Microsurfacing** – see Appendix A2

## Highway Maintenance Schemes

**Carriageway Schemes** – see Appendix B1

**Footway Schemes** - see Appendix B2

**Street Lighting Schemes** - see Appendix B3

**Drainage Maintenance Works**- See Appendix B4

## Local Transport Plan Budget 2011/12

**Local Transport Plan Funded Schemes** - see Appendix C1

**Public Rights of Way (LTP Funded)** – see Appendix C2

**Developer Funded Schemes (Delivered by KHS)** - see Appendix C3

## Other Works

**Bridge Works** - see Appendix D1

**Borough Council Funded Schemes** - see Appendix D2

**County Member Funded Works** - see Appendix D3

**Drainage** – see Appendix D4

**Major Capital Projects** - see Appendix D5

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## **Conclusion**

4. This report is for Members' information.

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## **APPENDIX A – ROAD SURFACE TREATMENTS**

### **APPENDIX A1 – THIN SURFACING: 15 – 24mm depth**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Status</b>
None			

### **APPENDIX A2 – GRIPFIBRE: 5-15mm Overlay**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Status</b>
Church Lane	Shadoxhurst	93,702	Completed April 2011
Crown Hill/Wye Road	Wye/Hastingleigh	119,179	Completed April 2011
Iden Lane	Egerton	15,859	Completed April 2011
Maytham Road	Rolvenden	69,326	Completed April 2011
Plurenden Road	Woodchurch	36,432	Completed April 2011

### **APPENDIX A3 – SURFACE DRESSING: 6-10mm Overlay**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Status</b>
Bilsington Road	Bilsington	34,238.00	Completed May 2011
Cage Lane	Smarden	5,856.00	Completed May 2011
Maidstone Road	Westwell	18,617.70	Completed May 2011
Maidstone Road	Westwell	44,612.00	Completed May 2011
Rolvenden Road/Rolvenden Hill	Tenterden	15,147.50	Completed May 2011

## **APPENDIX B – HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE SCHEMES**

### **APPENDIX B1 – CARRIAGEWAY SCHEMES**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Status</b>
Ashford Road High Halden	On bend outside Sunnydale	High Halden	£18,326	Completed Surfacing November 2011 (High Friction Surfacing to complete)
Canterbury Road/Maidstone Road Roundabout Charing	Charing Hill including Maidstone Road Roundabout	Charing	£96,997	Completed October 2011
Hythe Road Ashford	Star Lane to Dering Road	Ashford	£13,698	Completed November 2011 surfacing (High Friction to complete)
Romney Marsh Road Ashford	Asda Roundabout	Ashford	£71,414	Completed November 2011 (High Friction Surfacing)
Romney Marsh Road Ashford	Station Roundabout	Ashford	£36,376	Programmed March 2012

### **APPENDIX B2 – FOOTWAY SCHEMES**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Status</b>
A20 Hythe Road	Smeeth X Roads to Bob Fisher Garage	Smeeth	£224,960	Deferred
A20 Hythe Road	Bockham Lane to Ridgeway	Mersham	£72,000	Completed March 2011
Flood Street		Mersham	£24,000	Completed August 2011
Church Road	Railway Bridge – Blind Lane	Mersham	£30,000	Completed July 2011
A20 Maidstone Road, Charing	Charing Village to Crematorium	Charing	£135,000	December 2011 Start

### **APPENDIX B3 – STREET LIGHTING SCHEMES**

There are no Street Lighting schemes planned for 2011/12. Inventory data collection is complete and will be followed by electrical and structural testing from which future programming of work will be developed.

## APPENDIX B4- DRAINAGE MAINTENACE WORKS

### Gully Cleansing

Cleansing of gullies on strategic and locally important roads is continuing with a view to completing the programme of work by the end of January 2011. Gully Cleansing Schedule available on request

### Drainage Works Update

In addition to a number of small repair works, the following larger works have been programmed:

Location	Description	Budget	Status
Birling Road	Installation of larger soakaways	£10,000	Investigation work in progress
Tile Lodge Road, Charing	Installation of new drainage system	£40,000	Investigation work in progress

## **APPENDIX C – TRANSPORTATION, PROW & SAFETY SCHEMES**

### **APPENDIX C1 – LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN FUNDED SCHEMES**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Status</b>
A28 Ashford Road (Gascoigne Corner), 1 mile east of High Halden	Bend visibility improvements	£6,000	Design Complete; To be programmed in 2011/12
A28 j/w A252, Bagham Junction, Chilham	Signing and lining improvements	£20,000	Design Complete; To be programmed in 2011/12
Bus Stop Infrastructure Improvements - Countywide	Countywide reactive bus stop maintenance and minor improvement programme	£68,000	
Smart card ticket machines - Countywide	The remaining contribution to Stagecoach to GPS enable their ticket machines. Links to congestion monitoring and passenger info systems	£55,000	

### **APPENDIX C2 – PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (LTP Funded)**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget (£)</b>	<b>Status</b>
AU101 Nelson Close, Ashford	Construct tarmac path for unmade section	£5770	Complete
AT60 Rolvenden	Repairs to byway	£4250	Complete
AU36 Ashford NCP	Construct new tarmac path	£3245	Complete. Part funded by landowner total cost £7522.85
AW163 Pluckley	Repairs to tarmac path and type 1 stone bridleway	£1000	Complete. Part funded by residents total cost £7060
AW51 Charing	Surface improvements to North Downs Way Cycle route	£43,263	Complete

Bockhanger Lane, Ashford	Creation of new PROW linking to Eureka Leisure Park		scheduled for 2011/12. Currently out to consultation
A27 & AU7 Ashford NCP	Footpath and bridleway construct tarmac surface	£9100	Scheme subject to delivery of Bockhanger Lane (above)
Kingsnorth	New multi user route creation	£162,000	Underway (£50,000 s106 & £101,000 sustrans & member funding). Part permissive cycle track and part Bridleway creation subject to planning permission. & part now cancelled (rejected by ABC).

### APPENDIX C3 – DEVELOPER FUNDED SCHEMES (Section 278/106 Works)

Location	Description	Status
Henwood, Ashford	Cycle route	Scheme Compete
Stanhope, Ashford	Regeneration scheme / New road layout	Works continuing on new sites – 85% complete.
Trinity Road, Ashford	New road layout	In maintenance
A20 Roundabout	Toucan	In maintenance
Templar Way	New signalised access	Remedial work in progress
Latitude Walk, Ashford	Environmental improvements – East Street	In maintenance
Park Farm/ Finn Farm Road	Signals/traffic calming	In maintenance. Remedial works being carried out.
Tesco site – Park Farm	New Puffin Crossing – cycle way	Works complete
A2070 j/w The Boulevard	Left turn slip	In design stage – Works currently postponed by Developer until 2012
John Wallace Academy (Christchurch School) to Park Farm	Completion of missing link of cycleway	Scheme being progressed: Landowner has agreed to sale of necessary land to KHS and contract being drawn up to this effect.
The Warren Site B	Access Road/New Signalised Access	In design Stage

## **APPENDIX D – OTHER WORKS**

### **APPENDIX D1 – BRIDGE WORKS**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Status</b>
A28 Canterbury Road, Godmersham	33 Godmersham Bridge – bridge strengthening	Complete
A20 Ashford Road, Charing over Railway	850 Westwell Leacon Bridge – Structural safety work	TBC – Rail Possession awaited

### **APPENDIX D2 – DISTRICT COUNCIL FUNDED SCHEMES**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Status</b>
None		

### **APPENDIX D3 – COUNTY MEMBER HIGHWAY FUND WORKS**

<b>Member &amp; Ward</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Status</b>
Andrew Wickham	Canterbury Road, Brabourne - Problem with traffic speeds	£7,590.00	Finance complete
Andrew Wickham	The Square, Chilham - request for measures to dissuade vehicles from village square	£9,219.00	Approved
Andrew Wickham	Wye - requests for village gateways at 5 locations	£29,500.00	Work Complete
Andrew Wickham	Canterbury Road, Molash (A252) - request to look at speed issues	£14,500.00	Approved
Andrew Wickham	Church Road, Smeeth - Request for a speed indicator device	£5,500.00	Approved
Elizabeth Tweed	London Road, Ashford - problems with speed and lack of pedestrian crossing facilities	£1,003.00	Work Complete
Elizabeth Tweed	Chart Road, Ashford - traffic speeds causing problems for pedestrians	£8,703.00	Work Complete
Elizabeth Tweed	Hazel Heights, Ashford - request for salt bin	£8,000.00	Details with Finance
Elizabeth Tweed	Canterbury Road, Kennington - request for pedestrian warning signs	£2,582.00	Work Complete
Elizabeth Tweed	Ashford - request to fill in gaps on the Ashford Cycle Network	£9,000.00	Approved
Elizabeth Tweed	Faversham Road, Ashford - request for a permanent SID	£350.00	Approved
Elizabeth Tweed	Canterbury Road, Ashford - request to remove trees	£2582	Approved
Elizabeth Tweed	Essella Road, Ashford - request for 20mph limit	£9000	Approved



George Koowaree	Stirling Way, Ashford - request for dropped kerbs	£1,441.00	Work Complete
George Koowaree	Orion Way, Ashford - request for dropped kerbs	£9,768.00	Work Complete
George Koowaree	Hunter Road, Ashford - request for bus shelter	£7,255.00	Work Complete
George Koowaree	Hythe Road, Ashford - request for seating	£2,145.00	Work Complete
George Koowaree	Hampden Road, Ashford - request for dropped kerbs	£4,614.00	Work Complete
George Koowaree	Bentley Road, Ashford - request for handrail	£1,065.00	Approved
George Koowaree	Windmill Close, Ashford - request for handrail on footpath	£100.00	Work Complete
George Koowaree	Nelson Close, Ashford - request to contribute to resurfacing PROW	£5,770.00	Work Complete
Jim Wedgbury	Tithe Barn Lane, Great Chart - high traffic speeds causing problems for pedestrians	£10,780.00	Work Complete
Jim Wedgbury	Cuckoo Lane, Ashford - request to legalise school keep clear markings and install double yellow lines	£7,021.00	Work Complete
Jim Wedgbury	Hoxton Close, Singleton - request to relocate a bus shelter	£6,853.00	Approved
Jim Wedgbury	Reed Crescent, Kingsnorth - request to look at parking issues outside Furley Park School	£3,250.00	Approved
Mike Angell	Magpie Hall Road, Woodchurch - problem with traffic speeds	£9,350.00	Work Complete
Mike Angell	Hamstreet Road, Shadoxhurst - problem with sightlines	£2,288.00	Work Complete
Mike Angell	Bluebell Road, Kingsnorth - request for bus shelters	£16,500.00	Work Complete
Mike Angell	Church Hill, Kingsnorth -- request to resurface footpath	£3,025.00	Work Complete
Mike Angell	Magpie Hall Road, Kingsnorth - Request for an Interactive Speed Limit repeater sign.	£5,000.00	Work Complete
Mike Hill	High Street, Tenterden - Request to replace milestone	£4,655.00	Finance complete
Mike Hill	Pittlesden, Tenterden - request for measures to prevent parking on the green.	£15,873	Awaiting approval
Mike Hill	A28 St Michaels - request to carry out works recommended in the Speed	£9,598.00	Approved

	Limit Review		
Mike Hill	B2080 Appledore - request to reduce speed limit to 30mph	£6,827.00	Approved
Mike Hill	High Street, Biddenden - contribution towards maintenance project	£15,300.00	Approved
Mike Hill	Hastings Road, Rolvenden - request for zigzag markings	£2,349.00	work Complete
Richard King	Ashford District - request to extend bus service 523	£7,500.00	Details with Finance
Richard King	Station Road, Charing - request to look at changing the sequence of pedestrian lights	£5,000.00	Details with Finance
Richard King	School Road, Hothfield - request for zebra crossing	£12,000.00	Approved
Richard King	Ashford Road, Bethersden - request to implement 30mph speed limit	£35,426.00	work Complete
Richard King	The Street, Hothfield - request for saltbins	£1,191.06	Work Complete
Richard King	Pivington Mill, Pluckley - request for a weight restriction	£519.00	Approved
Richard King	Wye Road, Boughton Aulph - request for wieght restriction Advanced signing	£5,000.00	Approved
Richard King	Smarden - request for amendments to ADS and installation of bollards	£4,000.00	Approved
Richard King	Goat Lees Lane, Kennington - request for salt bin	£2,000.00	Works Complete
Richard King	The Street, Smarden - request for double yellow lines	£4,290.00	Approved

**APPENDIX D5 – MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS (sheet 1 of 4)**

Location	Description	Budget	Status
<p>Victoria Way Phase 1 (link between Victoria Road and Leacon Road)</p>	<p>To support the growth agenda for Ashford and in particular to support the southwards development and expansion of the town centre.</p> <p>Funded by Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF) provided by Homes &amp; Community Agency (HCA).</p>	<p>£17.9m</p>	<p>The road opened to traffic on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2011 and the public realm works at John Wallis Square were completed a few days later with the installation of a CCTV camera.</p> <p>The contractor is dealing with the outstanding defects and the traffic signals at the Gasworks Lane junction with Leacon Road are still to be commissioned and there are some outstanding minor build issues to resolve with the adjoining land owner. Some minor signing and fencing items are still to be completed and this will be done over the next few months. Some further work is being done to correct ground profiles on the Victoria Road playing field, complete the boundary fencing and to erect 'School' signs.</p> <p>Maintenance of the landscaped areas is covered for 5 years under the main contract.</p> <p>The operation of the road and use of John Wallis Square will be monitored over the coming months</p>

**APPENDIX D5 – MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS (sheet 2 of 4)**

Location	Description	Budget	Status
<p>A20 Fougères Way, Drovers Roundabout and M20 Junction 9 Improvements</p>	<p>Junction improvements, traffic signals, and pedestrian &amp; cycle footbridge over the M20.</p> <p>To support the growth agenda and in particular to provide a comprehensive improvement of this key access route on the west side of the town.</p> <p>Drovers Roundabout and M20J9 are formally two separate projects. Funded by Regional Infrastructure Fund funding provided by DfT and managed by SEEDA with Growth Area Funding to cover the additional cost of the M20 feature bridge.</p>	<p>£17.6m</p>	<p><u>Drovers Roundabout</u> The contractor completed the correction of remaining defective works at Drovers Roundabout on 30 November. The whole of the area has now been handed back to Kent County Council's Highway &amp; Transportation team to maintain.</p> <p>Landscaping was also completed in November. To ensure that it becomes successfully established, responsibility for its maintenance and survival remains with the landscaping contractor for four years. In the meantime, officers are in discussions with the owners of the adjacent John Lewis development site regarding alterations to the soft landscaping, especially along the edge of the Fougères Way fronting their property.</p> <p>Responding to concerns raised at the last meeting of this Board, officers advised that an extensive review of the roundabout's operation would be carried out in September. This has resulted in the following modifications being carried out:</p> <p>1) installing some additional "spiral" lane markings to encourage better lane discipline. The safety review team were unable to remedy the specific issue of drivers travelling from A292 Maidstone Road (lane 4) to Fougères Way being at risk of ending up in the wrong lane (lane 3) at the Fougères Way exit because more lane guidance markings for this manoeuvre would worsen an existing conflict for the three lanes of traffic entering the roundabout from Templer Way.</p>

**APPENDIX D5 – MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS (sheet 3 of 4)**

Location	Description	Budget	Status
<p>A20 Fougères Way, Drivers Roundabout and M20 Junction 9 Improvements...continued</p>			<p>2) changes to several of the traffic signals to reduce the risk of drivers mistaking lights at the next junction as applying to theirs. The stop-lines on A292 Maidstone Road, A20 Maidstone Road and A20 Fougères Way will have an additional traffic signal head in the eye-line of drivers waiting at the stop-line. Furthermore, additional louvres will be fitted to green and amber aspects of most signals on the gyratory to lessen the risk of drivers mis-reading which signals apply to their stop-line. The high-level traffic lights at the A292 Maidstone Road exit will also be removed to remove the distraction they can pose to drivers entering from Fougères Way.</p> <p><u>M20 Junction 9</u> The traffic signals at Junction 9 were switched-on on 28<sup>th</sup> October and traffic has been observed to move freely with no reports of congestion worsening at peak times.</p> <p>At the time of writing, the contractor had not completed the correction of all defective works at Junction 9 and this requires temporary traffic management to protect the people carrying out this work. As with Drivers Roundabout, once the temporary lane closures have been removed, a review of the roundabout will be carried out by an independent road safety assessor.</p> <p><u>Cyclebridge (Eureka Skyway)</u> The new bridge between Warren Retail Park and Eureka Leisure Park (now named Eureka Skyway) was opened to pedestrians and cyclists on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Although construction is complete, the</p>

			predicted settlement of the ground beneath the northern ramp means that scaffolding will be required for several weeks to enable small adjustments to be made to the bridge deck.
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**APPENDIX D5 – MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS (sheet 4 of 4)**

Location	Description	Budget	Status
<p>A20 Fougères Way, Drivers Roundabout and M20 Junction 9 Improvements continued</p>			<p>The landscaping on the north side of the bridge will be carried out in March 2012 as it was not possible to complete the earthworks before the onset of autumn and the slopes are steep and north-facing, so making any planting on them vulnerable to frost.</p> <p>The bridge-naming ceremony that was to be held on 28 November was cancelled out of respect for a death on the M20 beneath the bridge on 18<sup>th</sup> November. The advice provided to the Council by Police officers who attended that incident (and another following a similar, but non-fatal, injury on 5<sup>th</sup> November) is that on both occasions the person jumped onto the motorway. This is despite the height of the barriers each side of the bridge deck exceeding the minimum required to protect pedestrians using a footbridge.</p>