

To: Ashford Joint Transportation Board
By: KCC Highways and Transportation
Date: 8th March 2016
Subject: Highway Works Programme 2015/16
Classification: Information Only

Summary: This report updates Members on the identified schemes approved for construction in 2015/16

1. Introduction

This report provides an update and summarises schemes that have been programmed for delivery in 2015/16

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Conclusion

1. This report is for Members information.

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Katie Moreton	Drainage Manager/Interim Structures Manager
Sue Kinsella	Street Lighting Manager
Toby Butler	Intelligent Transport Systems Manager
Andrew Hutchinson	PROW
Jamie Hare	Developer Funded Work
Jamie Watson	Transportation and Safety Schemes

Appendix A – Footway and Carriageway Improvement Schemes

The delivery of these schemes is weather dependent; should it prove not possible to carry out these works on the planned dates, new dates will be arranged and the residents will be informed by a letter drop to their homes.

Surface Treatments - <i>Contact Officer Clive Lambourne</i>			
Micro Asphalt Schemes			
Road Name	Parish	Extent of Works	Current Status
New Forest Lane	Chillham	Whole Length	Deferred until 2016/17 as the narrow road widths require specialist equipment.
Machine Resurfacing – <i>Contact Officer Byron Lovell</i>			
Road Name	Parish	Extent of Works	Current Status
Singleton Hill	Great Chart with Singleton	Tithe Barn Lane to Hoxton Close & roundabout at junction Bucksford Lane and Kirk View	Completed
Mace Lane/ Wellesley Rd	Ashford	Junction with Mace Lane and Wellesley Rd	Completed
Church Rd/ Sevington Lane, Willesborough	Ashford	Bewteen junction of Osborne Rd and Boys Hall Road	Completed
B2080 Tenterden Road, School Road & Appledore Road	Appledore	B2080 Tenterden Road Crossroads with School Road & Appledore Road	Completed
A28 Ashford Road	Chilham	Between sewage works and Branch Road	Programmed June 2016

Footway Improvement - *Contact Officer Neil Tree*

Road Name	Parish	Extent and Description of Works	Current Status
Bank Street	Ashford	From its junction with Elwick Road to Tufton Street. Works to replace existing footway surface with new granite blocks.	Completed

Appendix B – Drainage Improvement Schemes >£5k

Drainage Works – <i>Contact Officer Kathryn Moreton</i>			
Location	Description of Works	Job Status	Timescale for Completion
Henwood Industrial Estate	Works to construct the pumping station in Ashford Borough Councils Land adjacent to the River Stour	Work to commence on 29 th February 2016	3 weeks (access to this site will be restricted while works are carried out. Until the pumping station is up and running we will continue to use a temporary pump to keep the carriageway clear)

Appendix C – Street Lighting

Structural testing of KCC owned street lights has identified the following as requiring replacement this financial year. A status of complete identifies that the column replacement has been carried out. Programme dates are identified for those still requiring replacement.

Street Lighting Column Replacement – <i>Contact Officer Sue Kinsella</i>			
Road Name	Parish	Description of Works	Status
Edinburgh road	Ashford NCP	Replacement of 1 number street light complete with LED lantern	Works programmed for completion by March 2016
Mace lane	Ashford NCP	Replacement of 1 number street light complete with LED lantern	Works programmed for completion by March 2016

LED Street Light Update.

Kent County Council has recently awarded a multi-million pound Street Light Term Services Contract to Bouygues E & S Infrastructure UK Ltd. This contract will enable the Authority to convert all of its street lights to Light Emitting Diode (LED) technology followed by a maintenance period of up to 12 years. This work will involve changing the lantern on the existing column to LED technology and will start in March 2016. When combined with a Central Management System (CMS) we will be able to monitor our energy use, detect faults, dim lights and control the time that the lights turn on and off.

On the 12 February 2016, a decision to return to optimised all night lighting was endorsed by the committee. The Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport will sign off a new street light policy based on this endorsement in preparation of the first lantern being installed. As required under contract, Bouygues will design each individual street with LED's. They will have to work within the restrictions of current column locations, heights and conflict zones that may exist (e.g. trees, roundabouts and junctions). Part of this design will include an evaluation of an appropriate optimal illumination level within the individual street.

The new policy will come into force once the individual street light has been converted to LED and is commissioned on to the CMS.

The Authority has agreed with Bouygues a proposed programme for delivery of the LED conversion project. It will take 14 months to complete the residential areas, so dependent on where the individual district is within the programme; will depend on when a new policy will be implemented. The programme for the residential areas has been split into four phases and the approximate timeline is as follows:

- Phase 1 (Ashford, Shepway & Dover) = March 2016 to July 2016
- Phase 2 (Sevenoaks Dartford & Gravesham) = July 2016 to September 2016
- Phase 3 (Tonbridge and Malling, Tunbridge Wells * Maidstone) = September 2016 to November 2016
- Phase 4 (Swale, Canterbury & Thanet) = November 2016 to May 2017

Appendix D – Transportation and Safety Schemes

The Traffic Schemes Team is implementing a number of schemes within the Ashford District, in order to meet Kent County Council's strategic targets (for example, addressing traffic congestion, or improving road safety). Contact Officer – **Becky Bailey**

CASUALTY REDUCTION MEASURES Identified to address a known history of personal injury crashes			
Road Name	Parish	Description of Works	Current Status
A2042 North Street / A292 Somerset Road	Ashford	Pedestrian safety scheme	Programmed to start 11 th April 2016 for 10 weeks construction
Cranbrook Road / Benenden Road (Castletons Oak)	Biddenden	Interactive warning signs	Works complete
Ashford Road / Magpie Hall Road	Kingsnorth	Interactive warning signs	Works complete
Smarden Bell Road	Smarden	New signing and marker posts at double bend, adjacent to Dering Wood	Awaiting programming.

INTEGRATED TRANSPORT SCHEMES Local Transport Plan funded non-casualty reduction schemes			
Road Name	Parish	Description of Works	Current Status
Ashford International Station	Ashford	Pedestrian / cycle ramp	Detailed design complete, discussions required with Southern Gas Network and UKPN regarding possible stats diversion/protection. Intention is to progress this scheme in 2016/17.
Wellesley Road/ Mace Lane	Ashford	Pedestrian safety scheme and congestion improvements to traffic signals.	Outline design with the intention for the scheme to progress on completion of the A2042 North Street / A292 Somerset Road improvements.

A2070 Conningbrook Bends	Willesborough	Road widening scheme	Finalising detailed design and land negotiations progressing with an anticipated start date of September 2016, pending adequate budgets being finalised.
Church Road junction with Bentley Road	Willesborough	Junction realignment including zebra crossing and ramped pedestrian footway	Finalising detailed design and awaiting confirmation of land transfer from Ashford Borough Council. Intention is to progress this scheme in 2016/17.
A28 Canterbury Road junction with Simone Weil Avenue	Kennington	Localised widening of footway	Detailed design complete, awaiting programme date.

Appendix D4 – Section 106 Works

Section 106 and other externally funded schemes			
Road Name	Location	Description of Works	Current Status
Hunter Road jct with Church Road	Hunter Road jct with Church Road Willesborough	Kerbing and resurfacing works to enhance junction safety. Installation of zebra crossing in Osbourne Road and ramped access to footpath in Church Road	Intention is to progress this scheme in 2016/17.
Simone Weil Cyleway	Simone Weil Cyleway	Extension of shared use footway/cycleway to traffic signals at Simone Weil / Canterbury Road junction	Intention is to progress this scheme in 2016/17. Works
Bank Street	Ashford	Footway Improvement works	Works completed on site 2 weeks ahead of programme

Appendix E – Developer Funded Works

Developer Funded Works (Section 278 Agreement Works)				
Scheme Name	Mastergov File Ref No	Parish	Description of Works	Current Status
Newtown Road - Former railway site	AS0419	Newtown, Ashford	New controlled pedestrian crossing and construction of site entrance	Works have commenced, remedial works to be completed before the commissioning of traffic signals
A28 Chart Road, Brunswick Road Junction	AS2081	Godinton	Rearrange junction alignment	Works Complete and in maintenance period
Brunswick Road	AS003013	Godinton	Widen the junction to the EMR site	Works Complete and in maintenance period
Knoll Lane	AS003009	Singleton	Access on to new development and relocation of pedestrian crossing point	Works ongoing
Farrow Court	AS003012	Stanhope	New footway and relocation of pedestrian crossing facilities	Works have commenced on site, the controlled crossing will be implemented once construction has been completed on site. Including Phase 2
Simone Weil Avenue	AS003014	Ashford	Footway works to be completed along the frontage of the Ashford International Hotel	Remedial works completed waiting on final documentation before adoption can be completed
12-20 Hawthorn	AS003010	Appledore	New arrangement to access road providing	Works Complete and in maintenance period

			additional parking	
Mill Road	AS003020	Bethersden	Footway works along the frontage to tie in with the existing footway.	Works Complete and in maintenance period
Chalk Avenue	AS003008	Tenterden	New Access to development	Works Complete and in maintenance period
Ashford Road	AS003049	Chilham	New Development Access and Pedestrian Crossing	Works have been completed however the stage 3 safety audit has raised concerns in relation to the new kerb alignment. This is being investigated
Cudworth Road	AS003024	Willesborough	New Access to development	Works completed and in maintenance
Appledore Road, Kenardington	AS003025	Kenardington	New Footway and pedestrian crossing to a housing development	Works completed and in maintenance
Dudley Road	AS003026	Kennington	New Access for Development	Works completed and in maintenance
Ashdown Court	AS003038	Ashford	New Access to development and footway works	Works due to commence March 2016 no date yet provided.
Manse Field, Brabourne	AS003027	Brabourne	New footway and access to development	Works completed and in maintenance
Warren Site A, Ashford Road	AS003002	Ashford	Access to be updated for new housing development	Works ongoing

Old Abattoir Site	AS003011	Aldington	New Access	Works completed and in maintenance period
Wesley School Road	AS003028	Singleton	Change of road alignment to introduce on street parking	Works completed and in maintenance period
Cheesemans Green PAR	AS0418	Sevington	New principal road to developments	Works complete and in maintenance period
Kings Avenue	AS003006	Ashford	New Housing Development	Preliminary works have commenced on site and technical acceptance has been issued. Kings Avenue is continually being monitored due to issue raised with mud on the highway.
Tenterden Site 1	AS003036	Tenterden	New Proposed Housing Development	Works due to commence March 2016 no date yet provided.
Chilmington Green	AS003054	Great Chart	New Proposed Housing Development	Access B has been technically approved waiting on final information to complete agreement. (Developer expects to be on site by early June)
Cryol Road	AS003044	South Ashford	New Access for Ashford Housing site	Works completed and in maintenance
River view, Ashford	AS00309	Ashford	New footway and parking arrangements	Works completed but remedial works required.
Hopewell School, St Stephens Walk	AS003033	Ashford	New vehicle cross overs and street lighting works	Works ongoing

Wilesborough Dykes, Sheepfold Lane	AS003046	Kingsnorth	New cycleway/ footway tying in to existing network	Works completed and in maintenance
Calleywell Lane (Housing 21)	AS003050	Aldington	New footway	Works complete and in maintenance period
Dover Place	AS003051	Ashford	Amendments to the junction and works to the footway required	Technical approval granted waiting on start date
Calleywell Lane (Taylor Wimpey)	AS003039	Aldington	New Access for development	Works have commenced on site
Mersham Cricket Club, Flood Street, Mersham	AS003056	Mersham	Relocation of the access and new culvert works	Early discussions in relation to the proposals.

Appendix F – PROW

Public Rights of Way – Contact Officer Andrew Hutchinson			
Path No	Parish	Description of Works	Current Status
AE490	Aldington	Surface repairs to footpath	Works complete
AT49	Rolvenden	Surface repairs to footpath	Works complete
AW340	Shadoxhurst	Surface repairs to byway	Works now postponed until summer 2016 due to weather
AE36	Chilham/ Godmersham	Surface repairs to byway	Works complete

Appendix G – Bridge Works

Bridge Works – Contact Officer Katie Moreton			
Road Name	Parish	Description of Works	Current Status
A28 Ashford Road	Chilham	Repairs to Great Chilham Bridge waterproofing. To be carried out in conjunction with carriageway resurfacing. Requires a weekend road closure	Works delayed until Summer 2016

Appendix H- Traffic Systems

There is a programme of scheduled maintenance to refurbish life expired traffic signal equipment across the county based upon age and fault history. The delivery of these schemes is dependent upon school terms and holiday periods; local residents, businesses and schools will be informed verbally and by a letter drop of the exact dates when known.

Traffic Systems - <i>Contact Officer Toby Butler</i>		
Location	Description of Works	Current Status
No works planned		

Appendix I – Combined Member Fund

Member Highway Fund programme update for the Ashford District.

The following schemes are those which have been approved for funding by both the relevant Member and by Roger Wilkins, Interim Director of Highways, Transportation and Waste. The list only includes schemes, which are

- in design
- at consultation stage
- Handed over for delivery
- Recently completed on site.

The list is up to date as of **8th February 2016**.

The details given below are for highway projects only. This report does not detail

- Contributions Members have made to other groups such as parish councils
- Highway studies
- Traffic/ non-motorised user surveys funded by Members.

More information on the schemes listed below can be found via Kent Gateway, the online database for all Combined Member Grant schemes and studies, or by contacting the Traffic and Safety Engineer for the Combined Member Grant Ashford District.

Andrew Wickham

Details of Scheme	Status
15-MHF-AS-30 Godmersham crossroads Proposed VAS	Met with Parish Council and agreed location for sign. Site meeting to be arranged with Telent to confirm there are no technical issues with installing the sign at the proposed location.

Charlie Simkins

Details of Scheme	Status
14-MHF-AS-53 The Street, Great Chart Great Chart bus stop relocation	Consultation complete
15-MHF-AS-28 Forstal Road junction with Bedlam Road, Egerton Proposed Chevron Sign	Signs installed, lining works still to be programmed
15-MHF-AS-69 A28 Ashford Road, Bethersden Traffic surveys	Programmed for 1 st – 8 th February 2016

George Koowaree

Details of Scheme	Status
14-MHF-AS-104 Lees Road, Ashford Proposed extension of existing one way	At consultation stage
15-MHF-AS-22 Hunter Road / Albemarle Road, Willesborough Improvements to existing 20mph	Works complete
15-MHF-AS-73 Kingsnorth Road, Ashford Feasibility study for a proposed zebra crossing	Site visit to be arranged
15-MHF-AS-70 Upper & Lower Denmark Road junction with Torrington Road Dropped kerbs	Site visit to be arranged

Mike Angell

Details of Scheme	Status
15-MHF-AS-61 Ashford Road, Bilsington Interactive sign investigation	Traffic survey programmed for 28 th January – 4 th February 2016, currently awaiting data

Derek Smyth

Details of Scheme	Status
15-MHF-AS-32 Stanhope Road, Stanhope Proposed flashing school warning signs	Design complete awaiting cost approval from Member

Combined Members Grants – Joint Transportation Board updates 2016

A review of the delivery of highway projects using County Members' discretionary Combined Members Grant has been undertaken. As a result of this review the scheme will be revised from 1st May 2016.

The key changes are intended to create key contacts for County Members through the District Managers who will support County Members in identifying highway projects working on an annual programme of works which will allow resources to be effectively planned to deliver projects on the ground.

District Managers will also be responsible for reporting through Joint Transportation Boards on Combined Member Grant scheme.

County Members will be fully briefed on the changes in April.

1.1 Legal Implications

1.1.1 Not applicable

1.2 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.2.1 Not applicable

1.3 Risk Assessment

1.3.1 Not applicable

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