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Introduction

The purpose of this report is to update members on National Highways work on the Strategic Road Network in North Yorkshire.

The report provides a general forward look of current and planned work, as well as other activity.

Major Projects

Members will be aware that a major project is being investigated and developed for National Highways on the A64 at Hopgrove Junction to Barton-le-Willows. The report on the public consultation for this proposal was published in December 2022, and is available on National Highways webpages, <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/he/a64-hopgrove/results/finalreport.pdf>

This proposal now must go to DFT for consideration and decision making over the summer of 2023. Public support for the scheme is very high but there are considerations to be made in future decision making about the plan for the proposed roundabout and traffic flows at peak times.

Scheme Delivery

Please note that delivery dates and traffic management arrangements are subject to change, schemes in the forward programme are subject to internal governance approval, schemes are subject to variation for reasons of inclement weather, and resource availability.

Improvements to our network are funded through our “designated funds”. These are subject to a national governance arrangement, which aims to prioritise the best schemes to make use of the available funds, on a national basis. There are multiple stages to the governance arrangements, so by the time we get to detailed design and construction planning we have reasonable confidence that the mentioned schemes will proceed to construction as planned. The construction programme can still be adjusted at any stage through the governance process.

For renewal schemes we are planning a further iteration of the programme in February and this could change the forward programme depending on how much carryover of schemes we have. As we get towards the end of our financial year in March, schemes planned close to the end of the year are at greater risk of moving into the next financial year if there is a relatively small variation in delivery timing. Wintery weather will frequently affect the delivery of schemes. We have also set out overarching principles for dealing with inflation pressures in this roads period which are reviewed by ORR (Office of Road and Rail) and aim for best value in our schemes and maintenance works by efficient contract management.

A1M Darrington to J49 at Dishforth (Area 33)

- The NYCC Improvement scheme on A1(M) J47 scheme (to which National Highways contributed significant funds) was open to traffic in 2022 and is now working as intended with no queuing on the mainline during the peak periods. National Highways and NYCC have worked very closely to ensure the successful delivery of this scheme.
- Vale of York motorway service area (a third-party scheme) is progressing through the design stage with Highways works expected to start in the Summer of 2024. This scheme involves significant works on NYCC and National Highways network and both parties are engaging with the developer and will start to engage in formal S278 and S6/S4 Agreements.

A1M North of J49 at Dishforth (Area 14)

We have several schemes outstanding for 2022/23 on the A1M north of J49 in addition to the schemes planned for 2023/24.

In progress 22/23:

- A1(M) Ripon to Leeming – anti glare fencing renewal and planting.

Completed in 22/23:

- A1(M) J57 to 58 Northbound & Southbound pavement renewal.
- A1(M) J56-59 Lining renewal

Planned for 23/24:

- A1M J52 to 53 NB mainline near Oak Grange pond – pavement repair to resolve drainage issue.
- A1(M) J56 to 57 NB & SB pavement renewal.
- A1(M) J56 to 58 central barrier renewal.
- A1(M) J50 circulatory drainage.
- A1(M) J56 Barton Lightwell.

A66 (Area 14)

Completed on the A66 in 2022/23 to date:

- A66 Rokeby to Thorpe Grange carriageway resurfacing
- A66 Bowes interchange to Coach & Horses carriageway resurfacing
- A66 Sedbury Layby – footpath repairs/renewal (Feb 22)

Planned for 23/24:

- A66M Filter Drain improvements - whole length
- A66 Carkin Moor – culverting a small section of stream
- A66M Boundary Fence renewal
- A66(M) Boundary Fence – planned to start 16 Jan 2023
- A66(M) Filter Drain improvements and maintenance– March 2023
- A66 Blands to Blackwell cycle route – in design stage
- Ravensworth Drainage maintenance to be completed by March 2023
- A66 Scotch Corner to Hartforth Resurfacing
- A66 Scotch Corner to Cumbria Lining
- A66 West Grassland maintenance
- A66 Melsonby Crossroads safety improvements- design work

A64 (Area 12)

Schemes already delivered in 22/23

- A64 Grasslands Maintenance 22/23
- A64 East Knapton to West Heslerton Resurfacing
- A64 Flixton Carr Waterproofing
- A64 Scampston Hall Further Boundary Wall Works

Schemes to complete/deliver in 22/23

- A64 Rillington Traffic Signal Renewal
- A64 Sherburn Traffic Signals Renewal
- A64 Staxton Traffic Signals Renewal
- A64 Askham Bryan – this is likely to commence in 2023/24
- A64 Drainage
- A64 Seamer Station Railway Joints Replacement
- A64 Copmanthorpe, Askham Bryan EB Exit & Entry Slips, Askham Bryan, Entry Slips Lighting

Provisional list of Schemes for delivery in 23/24

- A64 Grasslands Maintenance 23/24
- A64 Malton Bypass West Resurfacing
- A64 Rillington West resurfacing
- A64 Whitwell Duals EB Resurfacing
- A64 A64/A1036/A1237 Hopgrove CCTV
- A64 Pickering-Brambling Fields-Askham Bar Sliproads Pavement
- A64 Interpretation Panels
- A64 Askham Barr to Askham Bryan WB Resurfacing

A19 (Area 26)

Our DBFO (Design, Build, Finance, Operate) contractor has completed the following scheme on the A19 in 2022/23:

- A19 Resurfacing between A684 (Ellerbeck) and A172 (Tontine)
- Three Tuns Bridge Repairs

Planned for 23/24:

- Options for improving the safety between A172 (Cleveland Tontine) and Trenholme Lane (Black Swan) are being finalised and a series of minor improvements are being drafted for early 2023. These are subject to governance and financial investment scrutiny.
- Following the Coroner's Inquest over a fatal incident in October 2020 we are looking to improve a section of the highway between A61 (South Kilvington) and A168 (York Road) in 2023/24. This will include improvements to the drainage network and road restraint systems.
- A19 St Marys, Leake, Thirsk. Request to improve insulation and customer experience with the church. This is a direct contribution through the Users and Communities Fund with funding approved for delivery within the 2021/22 financial year. However, the Church have recently requested additional funds and deferral of the scheme for delivery in 2022/23. This is to be discussed with the National Highways Designated Funds team.
- A19 between Ellerbeck (A684) and Knayton. Safety improvements will be developed and designed during 2023/24.
- We continue to work with Natural England on the delivery of the Coast-to-Coast national trail. This includes the potential provision for a crossing improvement across the A19 near Ingleby Arncliffe. During 2023/24 we will develop the feasibility and options for a crossing. This is subject to governance and financial investment scrutiny.