

**North Yorkshire County Council**

**Business and Environmental Services**

**Executive Members**

**23 July**

**Highways Capital Programme 2021-22**

**Report of the Assistant Director – Highways and Transportation**

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To seek agreement from the Corporate Director, Business and Environmental Services (BES), in consultation with Cllr. Don Mackenzie Executive Member for Access, for additions to the Highways Capital Works Programme for Structural Highway Maintenance for 2021/22 identified since the last Highways Capital Programme report dated 21 August 2020

**2.0 Background**

- 2.1 The Highways Capital Programme is made up of four specific elements; these are Street Lighting; Bridges and Structures; Integrated Transport and Structural Highway Maintenance. Each of these elements is subject to prioritisation methods based upon an assessment of the required outcomes.
- 2.2 BES Executive Members will be aware that usual practice is to present two main reports per year; one in the summer, when the following years schemes are reported; followed by a winter report, when necessary changes to the programme are reported along with the headline allocations for the programme for the year after.
- 2.3 In line with 2.2 above, the report was considered at the BES Executive Members meeting held on 21 August 2020.
- 2.4 Although advanced planning is maximised through the implementation of a three-year rolling capital works programme, there are occasions when it is necessary, for sound operational reasons, to introduce new schemes into the in-year programme.
- 2.5 In a similar way it is sometimes not possible to deliver programmed schemes in the financial year initially intended, these schemes are then re-programmed into later years when implementation of works can take place.

**3.0 New Schemes to be introduced in the 2021/22 Capital Works Programme**

- 3.1 The following schemes are proposed to be added to the 2021/22 programme, in advance of the next scheduled Highways Capital Programme report:
- Storiths Lane
  - A59 York Road / Chain Lane
  - Hornington Bridge
  - Selby Canal Bridge
- 3.2 Further details can be found in Appendix 1.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 Any additional costs associated with implementation of the scheme/s named in Appendix 1 will be accounted for as part of the routine strategic management of the Highways Capital Works Programme.
- 4.2 The contents of this report make no changes to the BES Capital Plan expenditure limits.

#### **5.0 Equalities Implications**

- 5.1 An Equality Impact Assessment screening form was included as part of the Capital Programme overall and this found that an Equality Impact Assessment was not required. As these schemes are typical maintenance schemes it is deemed that the original screening form included schemes of this type and that there will be no Equality Implications arising from this recommendation. See Appendix 2.

#### **6.0 Legal Implications**

- 6.1 The County Council, as Local Highway Authority, Street Authority and Traffic Authority has a wide range of statutory duties imposed by a variety of legislation.
- 6.2 Although the decision to carry out these schemes has been made in-year, it was developed and prioritised in line with the relevant legislation and approved Council policies.
- 6.3 It is the view of officers that there are no legal implications in terms of adding these schemes to the capital programme.

#### **7.0 Climate Change Impact**

- 7.1 A climate change impact assessment has been carried out, see Appendix 3. The negative impact of the schemes added to the capital programme is minimal. Steps will be taken during construction to reduce construction emissions as far as possible.

#### **8.0 Recommendation**

- 8.1 It is recommended that the Corporate Director, and Cllr. Don Mackenzie Executive Member for Access to Agree the additional schemes for delivery in the 2021/22 financial year.

BARRIE MASON  
Assistant Director - Highways and Transportation

Author of Report: Kirstine Rudd

Background Documents: Photographs to be presented at meeting

## Schemes to be added to the Capital Programme

District	Location	Address	Est Cost/£	Reason for addition
Craven	Storiths Lane		£100,000	Substantial landslip occurred in February 2021, causing road closure. Consultants commissioned to develop detailed design
Harrogate	York Road, Chain Lane	A59	£23,000	Resurfacing of the York Road/ Chain Lane/ Wetherby junction which is in bad condition. These works were not fully incorporated into the Section 278 developer funded works.
Selby	Hornington Bridge , Tadcaster	Oxton Lane	£30,000	Parapets collapsed into the watercourse due to flooding event in early 2021. Funding is required to recover and rebuild this section.
Selby	Canal Bridge		£30,000	The Canal River Trust (CRT) are refurbishing the bridge workings and NYCC is duty bound to pay for the resurfacing when this takes place. The funding is to pay CRT to deliver this work.

**Schemes to be moved from 2020/21 to 2021/22**

<b>Initial equality impact assessment screening form</b> (As of October 2015 this form replaces 'Record of decision not to carry out an EIA')			
<b>This form records an equality screening process to determine the relevance of equality to a proposal, and a decision whether or not a full EIA would be appropriate or proportionate.</b>			
<b>Directorate</b>	Business and Environmental Services		
<b>Service area</b>	Highways & Transportation		
<b>Proposal being screened</b>	Highways Capital Programme 2021/22 - Approval of schemes not included at previous BES Executive Members meeting.		
<b>Officer(s) carrying out screening</b>	<b>Kirstine Rudd</b>		
<b>What are you proposing to do?</b>	Agree additions to the capital programme in advance of the next scheduled capital programme BES Executive Member report.		
<b>Why are you proposing this? What are the desired outcomes?</b>	Minimise the duration between scheme identification and agreement for inclusion on the agreed capital programme.		
<b>Does the proposal involve a significant commitment or removal of resources? Please give details.</b>	No, the proposal will result in reprioritisation of the current allocations to enable four additional schemes to be delivered.		
<b>Impact on people with any of the following protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010, or NYCC's additional agreed characteristic</b> As part of this assessment, please consider the following questions:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To what extent is this service used by particular groups of people with protected characteristics?</li> <li>Does the proposal relate to functions that previous consultation has identified as important?</li> <li>Do different groups have different needs or experiences in the area the proposal relates to?</li> </ul>			
<b>If for any characteristic it is considered that there is likely to be a significant adverse impact or you have ticked 'Don't know/no info available', then a full EIA should be carried out where this is proportionate. You are advised to speak to your <a href="#">Equality rep</a> for advice if you are in any doubt.</b>			
<b>Protected characteristic</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Don't know/No info available</b>
Age		✓	
Disability		✓	
Sex (Gender)		✓	
Race		✓	
Sexual orientation		✓	
Gender reassignment		✓	
Religion or belief		✓	

Pregnancy or maternity		✓	
Marriage or civil partnership		✓	
<b>NYCC additional characteristic</b>			
People in rural areas		✓	
People on a low income		✓	
Carer (unpaid family or friend)		✓	
<b>Does the proposal relate to an area where there are known inequalities/probable impacts (e.g. disabled people's access to public transport)? Please give details.</b>	<b>No, the proposals do not negatively affect any groups of people.</b>		
<b>Will the proposal have a significant effect on how other organisations operate? (e.g. partners, funding criteria, etc.). Do any of these organisations support people with protected characteristics? Please explain why you have reached this conclusion.</b>	<b>No, the proposal will have no effect on how other organisations work.</b>		
<b>Decision (Please tick one option)</b>	EIA not relevant or proportionate:	✓	Continue to full EIA:
<b>Reason for decision</b>	The allocation of funding is based on the 'manage, maintain and improve' (MMI) hierarchy set out in LTP4 which has been the subject of a full EIA. This concluded that the introduction of fewer improvement schemes may have a greater impact on people with mobility difficulties or without access to private vehicles as there will be fewer new facilities provided e.g. pedestrian crossings, dropped kerbs, bus stop accessibility improvements; however, it is also considered that prioritising maintenance, particularly for footways, through the MMI hierarchy is likely to produce a net benefit for people with the same protected characteristics; particularly in terms of age and disability.		
<b>Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)</b>	Barrie Mason		
<b>Date</b>	12 July 2021		

## Climate change impact assessment

The purpose of this assessment is to help us understand the likely impacts of our decisions on the environment of North Yorkshire and on our aspiration to achieve net carbon neutrality by 2030, or as close to that date as possible. The intention is to mitigate negative effects and identify projects which will have positive effects.

This document should be completed in consultation with the supporting guidance. The final document will be published as part of the decision making process and should be written in Plain English.

If you have any additional queries which are not covered by the guidance please email [climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk)

**Please note: You may not need to undertake this assessment if your proposal will be subject to any of the following:**

Planning Permission  
Environmental Impact Assessment  
Strategic Environmental Assessment

However, you will still need to summarise your findings in in the summary section of the form below.

Please contact [climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk) for advice.

<b>Title of proposal</b>	<b>Highways Capital Programme 2020/21 – October 2020/21 Update</b>
<b>Brief description of proposal</b>	1.1 To seek agreement from the Corporate Director, Business and Environmental Services (BES), in consultation with Cllr. Don Mackenzie Executive Member for Access, for additions to the Highways Capital Works Programme for Structural Highway Maintenance for 2021/22 identified since the last Highways Capital Programme report dated 21 August 2020
<b>Directorate</b>	<b>BES</b>
<b>Service area</b>	<b>Highways and Transportation</b>
<b>Lead officer</b>	<b>James Gilroy</b>
<b>Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment</b>	

<b>Date impact assessment started</b>	<b>09.10.2020</b>
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**Options appraisal**

Were any other options considered in trying to achieve the aim of this project? If so, please give brief details and explain why alternative options were not progressed.

No other options were progressed for adding schemes to the capital programme, as not carrying out the scheme in Appendix 1 would create a safety risk for highway users.

**What impact will this proposal have on council budgets? Will it be cost neutral, have increased cost or reduce costs?**

Please explain briefly why this will be the result, detailing estimated savings or costs where this is possible.

Any additional costs associated with implementation of the scheme/s named in Appendix 1 will be accounted for as part of the routine strategic management of the Highways Capital Works Programme.

The contents of this report make no changes to the BES Capital Plan expenditure limits

<p>How will this proposal impact on the environment?</p> <p><b>N.B. There may be short term negative impact and longer term positive impact. Please include all potential impacts over the lifetime of a project and provide an explanation.</b></p>	<p><b>Positive impact</b> (Place a X in the box below where</p>	<p><b>No impact</b> (Place a X in the box below where</p>	<p><b>Negative impact</b> (Place a X in the box below where</p>	<p>Explain why will it have this effect and over what timescale?</p> <p>Where possible/relevant please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes over and above business as usual</li> <li>• Evidence or measurement of effect</li> <li>• Figures for CO<sub>2</sub>e</li> <li>• Links to relevant documents</li> </ul>	<p>Explain how you plan to mitigate any negative impacts.</p>	<p>Explain how you plan to improve any positive outcomes as far as possible.</p>	
<p>Minimise <b>greenhouse gas emissions</b> e.g. reducing emissions from travel, increasing energy efficiencies etc.</p>	Emissions from travel		x		Repairs to existing infrastructure		
	Emissions from construction			x	Some emissions from construction vehicles	Where possible – ensure that vehicle mileage is reduced by planning vehicle movements / diversion routes etc	
	Emissions from running of buildings		x				
	Other		x				
Minimise <b>waste</b> : Reduce, reuse, recycle and compost e.g. reducing use of single use plastic		x					
Reduce <b>water</b> consumption		x					

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<p>Minimise <b>pollution</b> (including air, land, water, light and noise)</p>		x				
<p>Ensure <b>resilience</b> to the effects of climate change e.g. reducing flood risk, mitigating effects of drier, hotter summers</p>		x				
<p>Enhance <b>conservation</b> and wildlife</p>		x				
<p>Safeguard the distinctive characteristics, features and special qualities of <b>North Yorkshire's landscape</b></p>		x				

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Other (please state below)		x				

**Are there any recognised good practice environmental standards in relation to this proposal?** If so, please detail how this proposal meets those standards.

N/A

**Summary** Summarise the findings of your impact assessment, including impacts, the recommendation in relation to addressing impacts, including any legal advice, and next steps. This summary should be used as part of the report to the decision maker.

Minimal negative impact of the added scheme/s. Helps to ensure safety for all road users & repairs an existing highway asset. Steps will be taken to ensure that construction emissions are reduced as far as possible.

**Sign off section**

This climate change impact assessment was completed by:

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<b>Directorate</b>	<b>BES</b>
<b>Signature</b>	<b>J Gilroy</b>
<b>Completion date</b>	<b>05/07/2021</b>

**Authorised by relevant Assistant Director (signature): Barrie Mason**

**Date: 12 July 2021**