

CARRIAGEWAY RECONSTRUCTION WORKS 2012-13

1. PURPOSE

To inform Members of the revised budget scheme allocation and progress to date on the delivery of the works programme.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members take note of the Scheme list, sequence and progress so far on the planning, consultation and implementation of the works programme.

3.1 DETAILS

- 3.1.1 The proposed capital reconstruction programme first presented at the December Area Committee meeting, was the basis of the original budget allocation of approximately £5m for Capital Reconstruction throughout the Argyll and Bute network. This was further enhanced to £7m globally with the proportional share for Helensburgh and Lomond revised to £1,140,000.
- 3.1.2 Including Cardross Village, there are 7 individual sites on A814 East of Helensburgh with additional sites in the Garelohead area including substantial Surface Dressing works on A814 and B833. The Queens Crescent, Helensburgh and B872 Faslane sites, deferred in 2011-12 are included, after completion of PU works.
- 3.1.3 Further funding allowed proposed works at B833 Millbrae which were under design and included in "future years Capital" in 2011 to be brought into the programme to alleviate persistent flooding and frequent traffic incidents by improving visibility, road width and drainage . A further surface dressing site at A814 Westerhill Farm will enhance the skid resistance on this area and reduce the risk of future traffic incidents. Further works in various locations, identified after winter deterioration, are covered under the balancing capital sum, designated B833 Peaton – Coulport.
- 3.1.4 The full scheme details have now been priced by the Roads Services Estimator using the standard estimating package. This uses current market prices for materials and equipment and standard values for the Human Resources required to deliver the package of work. The full estimated price for schemes includes contingencies for unforeseen circumstances. This may result in a difference from the initial budget estimate. These do however, remain as estimates until the actual works have been completed and an exact measurement is made.

3.2. A814 Dumbarton–Helensburgh:- Planning, Notification and Implementation.

- 3.2.1 With reference to the Business Day paper of 20th Feb 2012 , the planning process towards delivering the main focus of this years Capital programme on A814 has progressed over the last three months . Initial contacts with neighbouring local authorities and Trunk Roads Operating Companies took place in February. Liaison with Strathclyde Police was carried out in parallel with a favourable comment received from them on our proposed traffic disruption mitigation measures
- 3.2.2 An assessment of the necessary traffic management requirements early in the planning process, lead to the invitation to specialist companies to tender for this element of the works. The appointed contractor has been involved in pre-planning the closure notification and preparatory works Convoy Traffic Control.
- 3.2.3 Initial public consultation at Cardross Community Council in February was only partially successful in informing residents of our intentions. A further presentation of updated details is arranged for both LACPG and CC on Tue 12th June.
- 3.2.3 Elected Members enquiries have been re-distributed to all, to assist in the process of informing the public on developments or clarification of plans. Representations from the local MSP have also been dealt with during May.
- 3.2.4 Individual meetings with main businesses affected by the proposed closures took place in May :- Cardross Sawmill, Craigend Nursery , Ardarden and Geilston Gardens have all been visited. With one exception, the result has been a greater understanding and acceptance of the requirement to carry out the works in the manner proposed. Further contact will be made as deemed necessary.
- 3.2.5 Several meetings have taken place with the Superintendent for Cardross Crematorium to discuss arrangements for business continuity both in the preparation works of May – June and the diversions during the July closures. This culminated with a meeting with Undertakers and Clergy on 1st June. This was again a successful meeting with contact details and plans in place to further inform all parties of the day to day traffic arrangements.
- 3.2.6 A press release was issued to local newspapers in late May although the full text was not utilised. A full copy of the details of all arrangements will be posted on the Council web page. Notification of the individual schemes is included in the link to the Scottish Roadworks register. The formal Traffic Regulation Order Notification will be issued in the local press from 14th June. This notification includes additional dates for contingencies to allow closure from 23rd to 27th July, if required.

4. CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 The Capital programme is well underway with an expectation that a substantial element of the budget will be processed in August on completion of the Surface Dressing and A814 Rural reconstruction sites. Works at Millbrae will conclude with final surfacing in July / August. Cardross Village works planned for Sept/Oct.

- 4.2 The preparatory works on A814 are being carried out under traffic lights or convoy as required without excessive delay. There has been no disruption to the operation of Cardross Crematorium, with service times being achieved.
- 4.3 Preparations of road and footways on A814 will continue until June 29th with warning signs alerting drivers to the loss of road markings and the temporary nature of the regulated surfaces. The intention is to maximise the time available in the formal closure periods to deliver a quality finished product with a long lifespan, to reduce the future requirement of routine maintenance on this major route.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy *Works assessed and carried out under the current Roads Asset Management and Maintenance Plan*
- 5.2 Financial *Programme based on revised capital allocation*
- 5.3 Personnel *Reconstruction works planned to be delivered by in-house Roads Operations team, with specialist sub-contractor assistance.*
- 5.4 Equalities Impact Assessment *none*
- 5.5 Legal *Traffic Orders required to restrict traffic flows past the final surfacing operations on A814 Rural sites.*
- 5.6 Risk *Completed works will reduce requirement to repair and maintain existing carriageway deterioration.*
- 5.7 Customer Service *Mitigating measures to minimise disruption through delivery phase of the works. Overall improvement in travel time and quality of driven and walking journeys. Reduced requirement for future maintenance, further reducing traffic disruption.*

6. APPENDICES

- 6.1 Capital schemes list, progress to date.
- 6.2 Project information summary, for inclusion on Council webpage

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