

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

18 June 2009

Report of the Director of Planning Transport and Leisure and the Head of Countywide Improvements

Part 1- Public

Matters For Information

1 HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION SCHEME PROGRESS REPORT

Summary

The report provides the Board with a position statement on highway improvement and traffic management schemes in Tonbridge and Malling during the 2009/10 financial year and outlines expected progress between now and the next meeting of the Board in September 2009.

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 **Annex 1** lists each of the approved schemes in the highway & transportation programme for this current financial year. It includes schemes that have been postponed from previous years' programmes and any highway schemes funded from the Borough Council's Capital Plan. The tables show the current position on each of the schemes and the actions intended to be achieved between now and the next meeting of the Board. Members will have an opportunity to comment on each of the schemes and discuss particular points of interest at the meeting.

1.2 Commentary

1.2.1 Details of New schemes added to the programme since the last report to this report are as listed below.

1.2.2 **Rochester Road, Burham:** measures to encourage drivers to travel more slowly through the village were installed in 2008. The junction of Rochester Road with Bell Lane was modified as part of these works but some local pedestrians have reported finding it difficult to cross due to inadequate visibility. To remedy this, Kent Highway Services will be making further changes to this junction this summer. The cost of the works will be met from the £13,000 budget set aside for pedestrian improvements in the Borough.

1.2.3 **Improvements to taxi/bus stop/pick-up arrangements at Tonbridge Station:** Kent Highway Services and Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council are working in partnership with the police, taxi drivers and Network Rail to improve the existing parking, waiting, loading and pick-up arrangements outside the main entrance to

the station. Proposals for increasing the capacity of the taxi ranks, rationalising taxi collection and reducing pedestrian/vehicle conflict have been developed. It is hoped that following consultation with groups representing the interested parties, a detailed scheme can be implemented.

- 1.2.4 **New footway in Winterfield Lane, East Malling, from Clare Lane to Chapman Way:** Kent Highway Services are advised that the legal processes that will enable this long-awaited pedestrian facility to become a reality are approaching settlement. In the expectation that that issues will be resolved this summer, detailed design is underway and works are provisionally scheduled to start in October 2009. It is proposed that the path will follow the line of Winterfield Lane but, because of several mature trees, will be separated from it by a verge up to 4metres wide. Local Members will be consulted on the path's proposed alignment as soon as possible prior to reporting the outcome to the next meeting of this Board.

1.3 Legal Implications

- 1.3.1 None as a result of this report.

1.4 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.4.1 The financial comments on each of the scheme in the Annex reflect currently approved budgetary position with the Borough or County Council, as appropriate.

1.5 Risk Assessment

- 1.5.1 Not applicable.

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Nil

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