

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

24 August 2009

Report of 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 November 2009.

- 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. The table shows 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 Owing to changes to the programme since the last meeting of this Board, three schemes are reported in detail as follows.
- 1.2.1 **New footway in Winterfield Lane, East Malling, from Clare Lane to Chapman Way:** contrary to expectation, it proved impossible to secure the land-owner's agreement to commence building this path this summer. The considerable earthworks make an autumn start unfeasible and this scheme has therefore been shelved until summer 2010. During contract preparations it became evident that further consultation on the path's alignment would be desirable and these will take place before then.
- 1.2.2 **Improvements to taxi/bus stop/pick-up arrangements at Tonbridge Station:** Following a meeting of the Tonbridge & Malling Licensing and Appeals Committee on 3 August, the proposed additional taxi rank outside the shops in Railway Approach will not now form part of this scheme. The remaining works (double taxi-rank in Waterloo Road and removal of the two taxi pick-up bays in the station forecourt) will be completed in September.

- 1.2.3 **Station Road, Aylesford – Two Puffin Crossings (near Medway Court & Hall Road)** - in June, the bridge carrying the M20 over the Running Horse Roundabout at Junction 5 was struck by vehicle. The bridge was closed for a week whilst a structural survey was carried out, since when temporary traffic restrictions have been in place on the coast-bound slip road. Repair works are scheduled for August. Because installation of either puffin crossing requires Station Road to be closed (and traffic diverted onto this slip road), it is not feasible to do so until the Highways Agency have completed their repairs. No firm date has been set, but officers are tentatively aiming for a 23 November start date.

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.

1.5 Risk Assessment

- 1.5.1 Not applicable.

Background papers:

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Nil

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