

## **EASTERN AREA CORRIDOR FUNDING**

### **Note to Members of Cambridge City - East Area Committee**

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#### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to inform Members of the process for allocating Corridor Area Transport Plan (CATP) S106 funding. It is also to update on progress on funding and schemes. Views of the Committee are also welcome on additional schemes for future consideration and assessment for funding.

#### **2.0 BACKGROUND**

2.1 Transport s106 contributions are collected in Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire largely through the Corridor Area Transport Plan (CATP) process. Contributions are collected from a number of developments, towards a range of schemes and principles that are included in the plans

2.2 The plans have been formally adopted by the City, South Cambridgeshire and the County and the allocation of funds must adhere to the principles in the plans. This is principally about mitigating the impacts of growth and improving accessibility and travel by sustainable modes.

2.3 A process is in place between Cambridge, South Cambridgeshire and Cambridgeshire, for making recommendations for allocating the pot of S106 funding which currently includes some £378,330 for the East Area. The Plans themselves form the starting point for considering schemes for funding, and officers from the authorities are asked for views on appropriate schemes that mitigate the effect of additional transport related movements from new development.

2.4 Views are also sought from the Area Committees on proposed schemes as well as suggestions for schemes which fit with the objectives of the CATP. Suggestions are then assessed using a Project Assessment Form, to establish a value for money score. The schemes and their assessment results are then taken back to the Area Committees to seek views on priorities/ additional schemes for consideration

2.5 Further consideration is then undertaken on the proposals to ensure fit with Area Transport Corridor Plan approach ahead of making

recommendations to Lead Portfolio holder and Cabinet for proposed funding allocations.

### 3.0 PROGRESS UPDATE

3.1 A number of schemes were discussed at the Area Committee on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2012, and priorities were confirmed. Subsequent to this, funding recommendations were made to County Cabinet in December 2012. This included four schemes for the East Area Committee at a value of £450,370. Cabinet approved the proposed spending for the priority schemes which have now been allocated the funding. These schemes along with those approved in July are now being programmed for progressing and implementation over the next 3 years. The table below sets out status and next steps with projects in the Eastern Area.

Scheme	Funding allocated	Current status	Next steps	
			Activity	Date
Newmarket Road bus priority- part 1	£100,000	The provisional design for this scheme has been prepared	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detailed design work to start..</li> <li>Consultation with the local community</li> </ul>	July 2013 Sept 2013
Crossing provision, Ditton Lane/Newmarket Rd	£60,000	An Initial discussion has been held with the Traffic Signals Team.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work will shortly begin on the preliminary design.</li> <li>Consultation with the local community</li> </ul>	July 2013 Sept 2013
The Tins Phase 2	£275,000	Met with landowners to discuss options for widening of part of the TINS cycle route. Work on designs for preliminary options being carried out.	Detailed negotiations with landowners on a preferred option and possible purchase of land.	April 2014
Radial Route Signing	£50,000	Currently the team responsible are assessing the scope of the project.	Carry out an audit on existing signs on the radial route.	Aug 2013
Removal of unnecessary street signage	£50,000	Currently the team responsible are assessing the scope of the project.	Carry out an audit on existing signs within the city but not on the radial route.	Aug 2013
Refreshing cycle path and cycle lane Perne Rd/Cherry Hinton Rd r/about, traffic flow and safety	£105,000	Project being considered as part of on-going programme of cycle works.	Engagement with local members to understand issues and to begin work on scope of the scheme.	April 2014

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Contraflow cycling signage. First Phase - 15 sites across the city, with a number in East Area.	£50,000	Possible schemes are being assessed for suitability.	A safety audit of recommended schemes will be undertaken.	July 2013
Tension Rd traffic calming scheme	£245,370	A series of steering group meetings has been held. Design principles have been agreed.	Cambridge City and County joint design team complete the detailed design.	May/June 2013

3.2 At the Area Committee in Sept 2012, a couple of additional proposals were mentioned for follow up and investigation. This included the Chisholm Trail which is a proposal for a new strategic cycle route joining the north of the city with the south. Feasibility work has begun on this and discussions are underway with Network Rail. Once costs are known for sections within the east area corridor CCC will return to the East Area committee with project suggestions for the Committee's consideration.

3.3 A second suggestion from the East Area Committee was the potential for provision of speed warning lights on Coleridge Road and whether this is recommended. This is a highways matter rather than CATP and there could be potential to apply for Minor Highways Improvements Budget towards this. However while there may be some immediate impact, the long term benefits of these are questionable. In addition there will be ongoing costs for maintenance and revenue associated that will need to be covered by the applicant. Therefore the costs and benefits will need to be considered up front.

#### **4.0 RECOMMENDATION**

4.1 The Area Committees is asked to note the programme for progressing schemes in the area and welcome your views on other suggestions /schemes for consideration and assessment of fit with Area Corridor funding.