

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 £239,199 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 The table below sets out status and next steps with projects in the Eastern Area.

Scheme	Est cost	Current status	Next steps	Date
RTPI along Coldhams Lane	£155,000	Continuing to install RTPI along this transport corridor	Final phase to be completed in 2013/14	April 2014 Finish
Newmarket Road bus priority- part 1	£100,000	3 options have been drawn up which now need to be assessed by the road safety team Detailed design work underway.	. Consultation with members, Cambridge Cycling Campaign and local residents	Oct 2013 Nov 2013 Implement Feb 2014
Crossing provision, Ditton Lane/Newmarket Rd	£60,000	Preliminary work has identified the need for detailed modelling of impact on signal junction capacity .	Once modelling is complete, options will be worked up. Further funding may be required and so may return to the	Jan-14

			Area Committee for a further allocation.	
The Tins Phase 2	£275,000	Ongoing discussions with landowner. Scheme proposal has been consulted on via extensive letter drop. Good level of support.	Detailed negotiations with landowners on purchase of land and timings for construction	Apr-14
Radial Route Signing	£50,000	Scope of the project currently being assessed	Audit of existing signs on the radial routes.	Jan 2014
Feasibility study into installation of bridge linking Leisure park & CB1 Station area	£12,500	To be commenced	Initial stages of work have flagged a land rights issue. Following a small change in layout between outline and detailed planning permission. The landing site for the bridge in the CB1 area to be determined in view of change. This will need to be resolved in the	Oct 2013

			context of the approved layout before any further work is carried out.	
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.	Jan 2014
Refreshing cycle path and cycle lane Perne Rd/Cherry Hinton Rd r/about, traffic flow and safety issues	£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.	Apr-14
Contraflow cycling signage. First Phase - 15 sites across the city, with a number in East Area.	£50,000	Possible schemes are now with Road Safety Team to undertake Safety Audits on each scheme.	Focussed consultations on each individual scheme.	Jan-14
Tenison Rd traffic calming scheme	£245,370 (Match funded with an additional £250,000)	Preliminary designs are complete and currently being reviewed by CCC and the City	Consultation on preliminary designs before detailed design work is complete.	Dec 2013/Jan 2014

4.0 Up-date on Scheme suggestions and Recommendations

A number of schemes were discussed at the Area Committee on the 25th April 2013 and put forward as suggestions for S106 funding;

- 4.1 Installing temporary vehicle activated signs (VAS) in Coleridge Road for traffic management and speed monitoring purposes.** – As previously discussed this is a local highway management matter rather than CATP. The possibility of using temporary lights has been discussed with the road safety team. The County Council doesn't currently own or operate temporary speed warning lights. Temporary warning signs could be funded by a third party or through an application to the Local Highway Improvement Scheme. For more details on third party funding - please contact street.scene@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or 0345 0455212. Applications for LHISs for 2014/15 will be sought in the next few weeks
- 4.2 Key projects in the Eastern Gate SPD** - This is obviously a very large scheme of strategic significance. What the County would propose as a first step is that we use ECATP funding for a feasibility study which would be able to do much more detailed analysis of the costs and benefits. This could then support bids for funding to deliver the scheme (The Area Corridor fund alone couldn't deliver a scheme of this size). A full feasibility for a scheme this size would require an allocation of £50,000
- 4.3 Removal of street signs in the Romsey Conservation Area** - This has been raised as an issue with the team who will be carrying out the 'Removal of unnecessary street signage project'. They will be considered as part of the wider project.
- 4.4 Perne Road/Radegund Road roundabout** – Consultation on this scheme starts on the 19th of Oct and is funded by the DFT cycle safety fund, Bike Friendly cities project and City and County joint cycleways funding.
- 4.5 Completing work on the Cherry Hinton cycle path** (left unfinished by another project). – This work has been raised

with the cycling team. Further discussions to establish whether this would fit with CATP are required.

4.6 Removal of superfluous metal lumps/posts in pavements - This request has been passed on to our Assets and Commissioning team. Key pedestrian routes are currently being reviewed, with a view to removing such items through the Local Sustainable Transport Fund.

4.7 Implementing a standard requirement for county council contractors to remove street clutter upon completion of work - This request has been past on to our Assets and Commissioning team.

4.8 Crossing facilities across Newmarket Rd from Meadowlands Road to Jack warren – Any scheme which is to be funded through the CATP S106 funding should mitigate the effects of development in that area. Having considered this scheme it doesn't fit with the requirements of the CATP. This scheme may be considered for a minor highways improvement grant, which will fund highway improvements up to a limit of £10,000.

4.9 Chisholm Trail - The feasibility study for the Chisholm Trail is due to report imminently. The project is likely to broken down into nine phases each delivered separately but when put together create the whole. This scheme is eligible for Area Corridor funding. Members are asked to recommend an amount to be allocated to this scheme and to also recommend how this would be best allocated;

- To the general Chisholm Trail budget to be spent anywhere on the scheme.
- Seek views on allocating a sum toward an individual project within the overall scheme, such as an individual piece of cycleway, junction improvements or the proposed bridge over the river.

Next Steps in the Approval/Implementation Process

6.1 Views from the Area Committee will be fed back and considered when making recommendations on proposals for funding allocations to a future County Cabinet meeting.

Following Cabinet approval to allocate s106 funding to any scheme, the usual separate approval scheme process will follow, with design and consultation on proposed options prior to implementation.

- 6.2 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.