

ROAD SAFETY SCHEMES 2020/21

To: Highways & Infrastructure Committee

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From: Steve Cox - Executive Director, Place & Economy

Electoral division(s): All

Forward Plan ref: Not Applicable **Key decision:** No

Purpose: To set out road safety schemes to be delivered in 2020/21

Recommendation: To approve the capital programme of safety schemes for 2020/21 outlined in Appendix A.

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 At Highways and Infrastructure Committee on 9 July 2019 the road collision and casualty data for the 5-year period 2014-2018 was presented, including the latest collision cluster site list for the county.
- 1.2 The 53 locations highlighted in the cluster site list have undergone further investigation by the Road Safety Team in order to put forward schemes for 2020/21.

2. 2020/21 Road Safety Schemes

- 2.1 The Road Safety budget for 2020/21 is £594k.
- 2.2 Appendix A lists the proposed programme of capital safety schemes for 2020/21 for approval.

3. ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 A good quality of life for everyone

The following bullet points set out details of implications identified by officers:

- Road Safety schemes are designed to reduce the risk of harm to road users from road traffic collisions

3.2 Thriving places for people to live

There are no significant implications for this priority

3.3 The best start for Cambridgeshire's children

There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.4 Net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2050

There are no significant implications for this priority.

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Resource Implications

The required resources have been made available to deliver the programme of projects, which will be funded from the Highways capital budget.

4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

The following bullet points set out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- Under Section 39 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 the Council has a statutory duty to “prepare and carry out a programme of measures designed to promote road safety... must carry out studies into accidents arising out of the use of vehicles on roads or parts of roads, other than trunk roads, within their area [and] in the light of those studies, **take such measures as appear to the authority to be appropriate to prevent such accidents**, including the dissemination of information and advice relating to the use of roads, the giving of practical training to road users or any class or description of road users, the construction, improvement, maintenance or repair of roads for which they are the highway authority and other measures taken in the exercise of their powers for controlling, protecting or assisting the movement of traffic on roads.” [bold formatting added by author for emphasis]

4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

The following bullet points set out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- Residents in lower Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) quintiles are at higher risk of being involved in a collision as are younger drivers.
- Older drivers are more likely to sustain serious or fatal injuries in collisions due to their frailty.
- An Equality Impact Assessment screening form for the selection of road safety schemes can be found in Appendix B.

4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

The following bullet points set out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- Serious road traffic collisions attract significant media attention and the Council’s actions to reduce their occurrence comes under regular media scrutiny.

4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.7 Public Health Implications

The following bullet points set out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- Road traffic collisions have a significant burden on health services.
- Public Health indicator 1.10, KSI casualties per 100,000 population, is currently red for Cambridgeshire across all districts.

Source Documents	Location
List of Road Safety schemes for delivery in 2020/21	Appendix A
Equality Impact Assessment screening form	Appendix B

H&I Committee report – Road Casualty Data Annual Report, 9 July 2019

<https://cambridgeshire.cmis.uk.com/ccclive/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/1142/Committee/7/Default.aspx>

PROPOSED ROAD SAFETY SCHEMES 2020/21

	Parish/Town	Street	Location	Works	Budget 2020/21	Budget 2021/22
EAST						
A1303	Swaffham Bulbeck	Crossroads	A1303/Swaffham Heath Rd	Junction improvements to stagger the crossroads – works to be completed across 2020/21 and 2021/22 financial year	£500,000	£200,000
HUNTS						
B1040	Woodhurst	Crossroads	Somersham Road/Wheatsheaf Road	Signals	TBC	
COUNTY WIDE						
	County wide	Minor Improvements	Various	Cluster sites, fatals and non-injury potential for high severity	£50,000	
	County wide	Advanced design	Various	AIP, design for future years	£44,000	
				TOTAL	£594,000	

APPENDIX B

Equality Impact Assessment screening form for Road Safety Schemes