

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DATE: 26 June 2006

SUBJECT: Proposed Integrated Transport Programme for 2007/08

BY: TRANSPORTATION MANAGER – Mid Kent Division Kent Highway Services

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: A report on planned Integrated Transport Programme for Year 2 (2007/08) of the Local Transport Plan.

Decision Required: Members are invited to consider the proposed programmes and recommend their approval for further detailed design work which will be reported back to this Board in December 2006.

Background

1. In July 2005 the County Council submitted the next Local Transport Plan (LTP) for Kent covering the period 2006/07 to 2010/11. This had been developed over a number of months, involving consultation with all the District Councils in Kent with a draft and proposed 5 year programme presented to the Swale Joint Transportation Board at the time.
2. A balanced integrated transport system, delivering high quality travel choice for all is essential in order to reduce and, indeed reverse traffic growth. Implementation of the IT programme is central to the effort to deliver the outcomes set out in the 'Vision for Kent' (Keeping Kent Moving) and the targets contained in the LTP. The programme of identified schemes accords with the delivery objectives and timetable set out in the Swale Transportation Strategy.
3. The programme achieves a balance of schemes which are designed to help achieve increased usage of sustainable modes by increasing bus patronage and increasing levels of cycling and helping pedestrians.

Discussion

Local Transport Plan (LTP) Swale Urban Package Programme

4. This report sets out the current proposed LTP bid for Swale for 2007/08. This comprises a Swale urban and rural package programme shown in the following tables 1 & 2 respectfully which at the present time amounts to a value of works totalling £590,000. As a bid submission the programme is dependent on the final funding allocation settlement announced in January 2007 but at this stage is the best guide to the value of works planned for the 2007/8 financial year. There is still

some more detailed designed work necessary to establish more accurate costs but the figures quoted does allow for some flexibility. A more detailed report will be made to this Board in December 2006 when more design work on the individual schemes will have been completed and, a final report in March 2007 following the settlement announcement. On this basis it is therefore proposed to promote the following schemes.

5. It is also important to note that this report does not include the safety schemes that are currently being investigated for a bid submission under the separate funding stream for Crash Remedial Schemes in the LTP process. These schemes will be reported to this Board in December 2006.

Table 1: Swale Urban Package

Location	Description	Est. Cost
Eurolink Way, Sittingbourne	Roundabout alterations to slow approach speeds, circulatory speeds and improve the layout for pedestrians.	£80,000
Borough-wide Along Key Bus Routes	Implement improvements at bus stops to increase accessibility – including Bus Borders improvements of bus facilities on key bus routes including the Faversham to Ashford service.	£25,000
Sittingbourne—Urban wide Walking Route Audit Derived schemes	Implementation of works arising to bring the network up to DDA requirements.	£20,000
Sittingbourne Enhanced bus, cycle and pedestrian measures (Phase 1)	Measures to provide enhanced bus, cycle and pedestrian facilities within Sittingbourne town centre (Post completion of Northern Relief Road. To east Hall Farm).	£50,000
Bartons Point Traffic Management	Improved signing and lining.	£19,000
Route Investigation and Improvement Iwade to Sittingbourne Corridor	Implementation of schemes derived from corridor study	£50,000
Chequers Road, Minster	New length of footway and improvements to bus stop and provision of bus boarder.	£40,000
Trinity Road, Sheerness Pedestrian Crossing	Zebra Crossing and footway works to complete missing link to Strode Crescent.	£40,000

Route Investigation Eastchurch to Queenborough	Implementation of schemes derived from corridor study	£40,000
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Total **£364,000**

Local Transport Plan (LTP) Swale Rural Package Programme

6. The proposed rural bid for the 2007/08 is made up of the following in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Swale Rural Programme

Location	Description	Est. cost
Rodmersham Village Gateways	Gateways with priority working.	£35,000
A251 (between M2 Motorway and Challock)	Safety Scheme – the introduction of 50mph speed limit between M2 and Challock with 30mph limits through each of the settlements. (Total Scheme cost of £150,000 - £60,000 funded in 2006/7)	£90,000
Borden Lane Traffic Calming	Traffic calming (road narrowing with cycle by- pass's)	£37,000
Faversham Road, Syndale Highway improvements	Signing and lining, and street scene improvements.	£10,000
Iwade Village Traffic Management (Phase 2)	Traffic management and additional cycling and pedestrian facilities	£50,000
Rural wide	For forward design of 07/08 schemes.	£3,000

Total **£225,000**

Urban and Rural Programme Total **£590,000**

Decision Required

7. Members are asked to recommend the programme and schemes identified for further detailed design work which will be reported back to this Board in December 2006.

Background Papers

Report to the Highways Advisory Board on 7 March 2006 - Transportation and Safety
Package Report Programme 2006/07

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