



TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No: 2.6
4 NOVEMBER 2020	PUBLIC REPORT

MARCH AREA TRANSPORT STRATEGY PROGRESS REPORT

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1. This report summarises work undertaken on the Quick Wins programme as part of the March Area Transport Strategy (MATS) project to date, gives an update on the Quick Wins construction timescales, and requests release of funding.

<u>DECISION REQUIRED</u>	
Lead Member:	James Palmer, Mayor
Lead Officer:	Paul Raynes, Director of Delivery & Strategy
Forward Plan Ref: N/A	Key Decision: No
<p>The Transport and Infrastructure Committee is recommended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Note this progress report;(b) Note the updated Quick Wins programme;(c) Agree the commencement of construction of the remaining Quick Win schemes, subject to the Board agreeing (d) below;(d) Recommend to the CPCA Board that it approve the drawdown of £900,000 for construction of the remaining Quick Win Schemes.	<p>Voting arrangements</p> <p>Items (a) to (c) Simple Majority</p> <p>Item (d) A vote in favour, by at least two-thirds of all Members (or their Substitute Members) appointed by the Constituent Councils to include the Members appointed by Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council, or their Substitute Members</p>

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The March Area Transport Strategy was first approved for inclusion in the Transport Programme at the March 2018 Combined Authority Board meeting. Cambridgeshire County Council took forward the study.
- 2.2. The vision of Fenland District Council is set out within their Local Plan (2014), which aims ‘to maximise the potential of the area and deliver jobs, skills, improved housing and new infrastructure’, making Fenland ‘a better place to live, work and visit’.
- 2.3. The Local Plan includes the delivery of 4,200 new homes in March as well as the development of 30 hectares of employment land to provide new jobs.
- 2.4. The 2011 March Area Transport Study (MATS) provided the transport evidence base for the Local Plan and assessed the impact of traffic growth resulting from the Local Plan, and proposed measures to improve the towns transport network under current and future traffic demand. The MATS project builds upon this work and assesses potential improvement options to deliver this growth.
- 2.5. The programme of Quick Wins was previously presented in March and July/ August 2020 Committee and Board meetings. Some of those schemes have now been completed. Others are progressing to construction, funded through an underspend from the previous stage of the MATS study.

3.0 QUICK WINS PROGRAMME – CONSTRUCTION

- 3.1. Since the March Transport and Infrastructure Committee, development of the programme of Quick Wins, including target costs and designs, have progressed and are close to completion. The schemes are now in a position for commencing construction and a programme of construction delivery are presented in Table 1.
- 3.2. In addition, Cambridgeshire County Council are currently reviewing outputs from the cycling and walking strategy report. This provides another list of schemes. Subject to funding, these may be included in a further delivery phase which will be brought before the Committee when it ready.

4.0 NEXT STEPS

- 4.1. We recommend to the Committee that the Combined Authority now agree for Cambridgeshire County Council to proceed to construction.
- 4.2. A summary of the Quick Wins and construction timescales are provided in **Table 1** below.

Table 1: Quick Win Construction Delivery

Quick Wins	Construction Start	Construction End
QW1A - Improve safety for pedestrians. Provide a zebra crossing	January 2021	March 2021
QW2 - Introduce gateway feature at edge of town, introduce 40mph speed limit buffer and revise deflections on Cavalry Dr roundabout	July 2021	August 2021
QW15 - Improve safety for school children. Provide a zebra crossing	November 2020	December 2020
QW16 - Improve signage for HGV drivers to reduce poor route choice	December 2020	February 2021
QW21 - Complete footway on southern side of Norwood Ave	February 2021	March 2021
QW22 - Introduce traffic calming on three sections of Norwood Rd	August 2021	August 2021
QW23 - Complete footway on eastern side of Hundred Rd including build out feature	March 2021	April 2021

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. Within the August 2020 Medium-Term Financial Plan there is a total of £5.4m allocated to this project of which £1.7m has been approved to spend for the development of the Outline Business Case, preliminary design and delivery of two Quick Wins, Quick Win 15 and 16.
- 5.2. The Committee is invited to recommend to the CPCA Board approval of the drawdown of £900,000 from the budget within the Medium-Term Financial Plan for construction of the remaining Quick Win schemes shown in Table 1. Whilst the additional £900,000 is likely to be spent in 2021/22, approval is required now in order to make contractual commitments with the delivery partner.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. The recommendations accord with CPCA's powers under Part 3 of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017 (SI 2017/251).
- 6.2. The meeting shall be conducted in accordance with Parts 2 and 3 of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus)(Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings)(England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

7.0 SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. No significant implications have been identified at this stage.

8.0 APPENDIX

8.1. Appendix 1 – Quick Win Schemes: Programme of Delivery

<u>Background Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>
1: March 2018 Combined Authority Board Paper 2: July 2020 Combined Authority Transport and Infrastructure Committee Paper 3. August 2020: Combined Authority Board paper	1: CA Board Report March 2018 2: CA T&I Committee Paper 3. CA Board report August 2020

Appendix 1 – Quick Win Schemes

Quick Win Scheme	Description	Construction Start
QW1A – Station Rd	Improve safety for pedestrians. Provide a zebra crossing	January 2021
QW2 – Upwell Rd/Cavalry Drive	Introduce gateway feature at edge of town, introduce 40mph speed limit buffer and revise deflections on Cavalry Dr roundabout	July 2021
QW11-13 March-wide Walking/Cycling Strategy	March-wide walking and cycling facility audit and produce improvement delivery plan	Strategy document complete. A set of possible deliverables have been identified and a phased approach to construction to be developed
QW15 – St Peter's Rd	Improve safety for school children. Provide a zebra crossing	November 2020
QW16 – March-wide HGV Signage	Improve signage for HGV drivers to reduce poor route choice	December 2020
QW19 – A141 / Burrowmoor Rd and A141/Knights End Rd junctions	Introduce street lighting at two junctions	Work completed Project has been halted due to there being no accident history at the 2 junctions and a high possibility of effecting bats habitat.
QW20 – Traffic signals on B1101	Re-validate signal timings on B1101 between St Peters Rd and Station Rd	Completed May 2019
QW21 – Norwood Ave	Complete footway on southern side of Norwood Ave	February 2021
QW22 – Norwood Rd	Introduce traffic calming on three sections of Norwood Rd	August 2021
QW23 – Hundred Rd	Complete footway on eastern side of Hundred Rd including build out feature	March 2021