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Agenda Item No: 2.4

Report title: March Area Transport Strategy

- To: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Transport and Infrastructure Committee
- Meeting Date: 10 March 2021
- Public report: There are no exempt attachments to this document.
- Lead Member: Mayor James Palmer
- From: Paul Raynes
Director of Delivery & Strategy
- Key decision: No
- Forward Plan ref: N/A
- Recommendations: The Transport & Infrastructure Committee is recommended to:
- a) Note the updated quick wins programme
 - b) Recommend to the CPCA Board a drawdown of £60,000 from the Medium-Term Financial Plan for undertaking additional work to establish a list of walking and cycling interventions.
- Voting arrangements: For Item (a) , a simple majority of all Members
- For Item (b) 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 or Peterborough City Council, or their Substitute Members

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To report on the updated programme of quick wins and approval of budget for developing a programme of walking and cycling schemes as part of the overall March Area Transport Study.

2. 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 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. Included within the Quick Wins was the development of a Walking and Cycling Strategy proposal as per Table 1.

3. 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 for the remaining schemes. The schemes presented previously have now either been completed, are under construction or an engagement exercise is to be undertaken at the request from the Member Steering Group. Key status and dates are presented in Table 1.
- 3.2 In addition, Cambridgeshire County Council have reviewed outputs from the cycling and walking strategy report. This provides an additional list of potential schemes to improve walking and cycling accessibility in the area.

Table 1: Quick Win Summary

Quick Wins	Current Status	Construction Start
QW1 – Twenty Foot Road Improvements	Included with Outline Business Case	
QW1A - Improve safety for pedestrians. Provide a zebra crossing	Construction to commence imminently	March 2021
QW2 - Introduce gateway feature at edge of town, introduce 40mph speed limit buffer and revise deflections on Cavalry Dr roundabout	Continued design and costing	November 2021
QW9 Peas Hill Roundabout - OBC	Included with Outline Business Case	
QW 11, 12, 13 - Pedestrian and Cycling Strategy Proposal	Completed – cost provided for next stage	TBC
QW15 - Improve safety for school children. Provide a zebra crossing	Completed	
QW16 - Improve signage for HGV drivers to reduce poor route choice	Under Construction	
QW19 A141 Junctions Street Lighting	Completed	No issue to progress There is no accident history at the 2 junctions
QW20 – Traffic signals on B1101	Completed	
QW21 - Complete footway on southern side of Norwood Ave	Engagement Mid-February to Mid-March.	July 2021
QW22 - Introduce traffic calming on three sections of Norwood Rd	Engagement – Start of February to end of February.	TBC
QW23 - Complete footway on eastern side of Hundred Rd including build out feature	Engagement Mid-February to Mid-March.	July 2021
QW 24 Broad Street Stats	Completed	

4. Next Steps

- 4.1 The remaining quick wins will be completed as per the programme set out in Table 1. Also in addition the development of the Outline Business Case is to continue and will be brought back to Committee when completed. It is expected that this will be brought back in the Autumn of 2021.
- 4.2 A walking and cycling improvements report will be completed that will review the recent changes to government policy on walking and cycling, in particular reference to *LTN1/20 – Cycle Infrastructure* and also *Gear Change – a bold vision for cycling and walking*. Also scoring and prioritisation exercise will be developed for schemes to be taken forward. Subject to funding, these may be included in a further delivery phase which will be brought before the Committee when ready.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 Within the January 2021 Medium-Term Financial Plan there is a total of £6.4m allocated to this project of which £2.6m 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 £60,000 from the subject to approval budget within the Medium-Term Financial Plan for development of the walking and cycling improvements.

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. Background Papers

- 7.1 November 2020 Combined Authority Transport and Infrastructure Committee

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