



TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No: 2.5
08 July 2020	PUBLIC REPORT

M11 Junction 8

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the M11 Junction 8 project and inform members that the project is no longer proceeding.

<u>DECISION REQUIRED</u>	
Lead Member:	Mayor James Palmer
Lead Officer:	Paul Raynes, Director of Delivery & Strategy
Forward Plan Ref: N/A	Key Decision: No
The Transport and Infrastructure Committee is recommended to: Note that the M11 Junction 8 project is no longer proceeding.	Voting arrangements Simple majority of all Members

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The 26 November 2018 Business Board and 28 November 2018 Combined Authority Board allocated £1 million from the Local Growth Fund for improvement works to Junction 8 on the M11.
- 2.2. Junction 8 on the M11 is an important intersection with the A120 close for Stansted Airport. The junction is currently operating at or near capacity during peak periods, limiting Stansted Airport's potential increase in passenger numbers. The project, which was initiated and led by Essex County Council, therefore proposed to deliver a series of improvements designed to help

alleviate congestion, allowing for around 10 years growth at the junction and facilitating further Stansted expansion.

- 2.3. The total cost of the project was expected to be £9.056m and other funding bodies include the South East LEP (SELEP), ECC, housing developer contributions, funds from the Department for Transport (DFT) and Manchester Airport Group (MAG).
- 2.4. Tenders for the construction of this project arrived above budget. Partners are not currently able to close the funding gap. Essex County Council have notified the Combined Authority that the project is on hold and therefore the money allocated will not be spent during financial year 2020/21.

3.0 NEXT STEPS

- 3.1. The Combined Authority's budgeted provision for this project will be reallocated within the Local Growth Fund. A paper will be taken to the Business Board on 27 July 2020. It will be for Essex County Council, as lead authority, to develop alternative funding bids for the junction scheme.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. There are no additional financial implications

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. There are no legal implications regarding this report

6.0 OTHER SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. None

7.0 APPENDICES

None