



Agenda Item No: 2.6

Kings Dyke Levelling Crossing Closure

To:	Transport and Infrastructure Committee
Meeting Date:	13 July 2022
Public report:	Yes
Lead Member:	Mayor Dr Nik Johnson
From:	Anna Graham, Transport Programme Manager
Key decision:	No
Forward Plan ref:	Not applicable
Recommendations:	<p>The Transport and Infrastructure Committee is recommended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Note the progress of the Kings Dyke levelling crossing closure; andb) Recommend that the Combined Authority Board approve the drawdown of £2.1 million of subject to approval funding for Kings Dyke levelling crossing closure from the Medium-Term Financial Plan.
Voting arrangements:	<p>For Item a) a simple majority of all Members present and voting and 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</p> <p>To be carried, the vote must include the vote of the Mayor, or the Deputy Mayor when acting in place of the Mayor.</p>

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an update on the progress of the Kings Dyke level crossing closure and to seek approval from the Combined Authority Board for the drawdown of subject to approval funding from the Medium-Term Financial Plan.

2. Background

- 2.1 The A605 is an important east-west route between the Fens and Peterborough, providing connections to the A1(M) and the A47 via the Peterborough Parkway Network. It currently suffers significant congestion during closures at the level crossing which services approximately 120 daily train movements. The scheme's objective is to remove this road-rail conflict.
- 2.2 At its meeting in October 2018 the Combined Authority Board approved funding of up to £16.4m from the Medium-Term Financial Plan and the apportionment of 40 / 60 as a split of any under / overspend against the budget between Cambridgeshire County Council (40%) and the Combined Authority (60%).
- 2.3 The main contractor, Jones Bros Civil Engineering UK, was appointed for the construction phase which commenced on 15 June 2020. The scheme is forecast to complete in December 2022 and the project remains on programme to achieve this.
- 2.4 The total scheme budget of £29.98 million is made up of £5.58 million from the County Council (Local Transport Bodies and residual capital), £8 million Growth Deal funding approved by the former Local Enterprise Partnership and £16.4 million from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority's Gainshare.
- 2.5 In April 2020 the County Council's Economy and Environment Committee recommended to the General Purposes Committee that additional funding of £2.018 million be allocated to the scheme to cover the value of the risk register as outlined in the County Council's Economy and Environment Committee paper, Annex 1. In addition to the £2.018 Million the committee recommended £1.5 million Covid-19 risk contingency be created. The General Purposes Committee approved both recommendations April 2020.
- 2.6 Following approval of the October 2018 Board paper in which it was agreed that funding more than the £29.98 million budget would be apportioned between the Combined Authority and the County Council. The Combined Authority is responsible for 60% of the total value of the funding approved by the County Council's General Purposes Committee in April 2020. The total value was £3.5 million therefore, the Combined Authority portion is £2.1 million.
- 2.7 The County Council has received and spent the £8 million Local Growth Funding and the £16.4 million from the Transforming Cities Funding.
- 2.8 Whilst construction progresses well, a key activity was the requirement to part fill the Star Pit to support the embankment for the bridge. This was a complex engineering challenge and has needed additional work than originally envisaged. This is being worked through collaboratively between the County Council and their contractor. The project, however, remains on target to complete in December 2022.

2.9 The latest site photos are included below to show the progress that has been made since the last update to the Transport and Infrastructure Committee in January 2021.



Left, Western Roundabout, Right, Eastern Roundabout, Bottom, section 1 and underpass

3. Financial Implications

3.1 The Medium-Term Financial Plan has a subject to approval amount of £2.1m for Kings Dyke levelling crossing closure and if approved, the funding will be spent in the current financial year.

4. Legal Implications

4.1 The Kings Dyke level crossing project has a signed Grant Funding Agreement in place between the Combined Authority and the County Council.

4.2 The Grant Funding Agreement includes the approved apportionment of 40 / 60 as a split of any under / overspend against the budget between Cambridgeshire County Council (40%) and the Combined Authority (60%).

5. Public Health Implications

5.1 The £1.5 million contingency was used to enable safe working on site throughout the Covid – 19 pandemic and suitable precautions remained onsite enabling teams to continue to work.

6. Environmental and Climate Change Implications

6.1 The project is in construction and includes areas of landscaping.

7. Other Significant Implications

7.1 None

8. Appendices

8.1 Appendix 1 – County Council's 23 April 2020 Economy and Environment Committee Paper

8.2 Appendix 2 – County Council's 23 April 2020 General Purposes Committee Paper.

9. Background Papers

9.1 [October 2018 Combined Authority Board Paper](#)

9.2 [January 2021 Transport and Infrastructure Paper](#)