

29 June 2016

**Executive Member for Transport and Planning transport briefing note**

**Key Transport Issues (16/17)**

**1. Park & Ride Operator Contract**

The tender for the procurement of the Park& Ride Operator was issued on 15 June. Tenders are due to be returned in August with a report to the Executive to follow in September. Subject to mobilisation of the successful operator the new service will start in February 2017.

**2. West Yorkshire Plus Transport Fund (WYTF)**

A number of major schemes are currently being progressed through the West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund– York schemes within programme:

- Outer Ring Road Roundabout Upgrade: Development of 7 roundabout upgrades developed. Public consultation will commence once a decision on the funding programme has been made by the Council.
- York Central Access inc. Station Frontage Improvements - currently progressing using local funding allocations. Gateway 1 (approval to progress to detailed design) granted by West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) in March 2016. Additional development work is ongoing to address comments raised during public consultation undertaken in February.
- Clifton Moor Park & Ride not being actively progressed pending confirmation of Local Plan decisions.

The long term funding and governance arrangements for the WYTF schemes need to be confirmed by the Council prior to the commencement of significant expenditure.

**3. Large Local Major Transport Scheme Fund**

£475m has been allocated nationally for the provision of large local major transport schemes. Bids have to be submitted to the

Department of Transport by Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEP) for funding for the development of business cases by 21 July 2016. An outline bid for the business case development for the dualling of the A1237 Outer Ring Road has been submitted to the York, North Yorkshire and East Riding (YNYER) LEP for prioritisation. Further background evidence is being prepared. A final decision on the Bid will be taken by the LEP in July.

4. **Local Growth Fund 3**

A number of bids have been submitted to the YNYER LEP for possible inclusion in a bid to the approx. £2bn available through the third round of Local Growth Fund. Bids need to be submitted to the government by 28 July. Bids for York Central and improvements to the A1079 between Dunnington and York have been shortlisted by the YNYER LEP Investment Board. The list of final bids will be confirmed by the LEP in July.

5. **Transport Systems Maintenance**

Approximately £2m from the Transport Capital Programme has been allocated to renewing traffic signal assets across the city over the next 4 years. Following a survey identifying age and condition of all of the 126 traffic signal sites across the city a programme for renewal of approximately 30 has been developed. These range from single pedestrian crossing sites to major junctions such as Lendal Gyratory. Some of the simpler sites will be upgraded in year 1 with the more complex later in the programme. The opportunity will be taken to confirm whether traffic signals are the right solution at the particular location and whether there are any enhancements which would increase capacity and improve pedestrian/cycling safety. Camera detection at traffic signals will also be installed at all suitable locations to improve reliability. A contractor is due to be confirmed shortly for the delivery of the upgrades.

6. **Sustainable Travel Transition Fund**

Unfortunately the Council was not successful with the bid for additional funding to promote sustainable transport in the city. Staffing levels in the Transport Service have been reduced to reflect this result and the ending of the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) in March 2016.

The initiatives previously delivered through the LSTF are being reviewed and options for delivering the most effective elements within existing budgets developed. Officers are exploring opportunities to

meet the funding gap. It is anticipated that there will be an opportunity to bid for funds for 17/18 and 18/19 from the proposed Access Fund in the summer.

**7. Coppergate**

Options for restricting the levels of unauthorised traffic on the Coppergate/Pavement /Stonebow route are being developed. Subject to an Executive decision on 30 June Camera enforcement will be reintroduced in 16/17. Wider options for the area are being developed to tie in with the Southern Gateway development

**8. Parking Strategy**

Following a report to the Executive in February options for longer term management of parking within the city are being developed including a review of the Marygate Pay on Exit Trial. Parking Services has been transferred from Communities and Neighbourhoods to Transport Services within City and Environmental Services. Conflicting demands of Environmental Impact, City Centre Access and Council Income to be addressed. Subject to project management, legal and procurement resources being released from the Stadium scheme it is anticipated that an option report for the progression of a potential partnership arrangement for the management of off-street parking will be delivered by the end of 2016/17.

**9. Subsidised Buses**

A decision on the proposed savings and the impact on routes will be made at the 30 June Executive meeting.

**10. Key Capital Programme Projects to be delivered in 16/17**

Consolidated programme to be presented to the Decision Session in July. Schemes planned to be progressed include: Clarence Street/Lord Mayors Walk (subject to scrutiny review) , Rougier Street bus shelter upgrade, A19 Pinch Point (Outbound schemes), Road Safety schemes, Traffic Signal Asset Renewal.

**11. Scarborough Bridge**

£3m funding from West Yorkshire Cycle Ambition Grant and CYC resources confirmed for upgraded foot/cycle bridge to be delivered by 2017/18. Network Rail is currently undertaking a more detailed feasibility study to confirm costs and deliverability. Subject to an affordable scheme being deliverable public consultation will commence by the end of 2016/17.

**12. Footstreets Operation**

An initial review of the operation of the footstreets area has been undertaken – reported in September 2015. An overall programme for delivery will be established. A number of schemes such as the reduction of traffic in Fossgate which can be undertaken independently of other proposals will be delivered in 16/17. A review of the provision of access into the city centre for disabled visitors and residents will be undertaken.

**13. A Boards**

Consultation on draft guidelines and licensing policy has been undertaken. A report identifying a revised policy is planned to be submitted to the October Executive.

**14. Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEV) Low Emission City Bid**

York was successful in receiving a grant of £816k for the delivery of rapid chargers around the city. Locations are currently being reviewed for delivery in 17/18.

**15. Local Plan**

The transport implications of the revised Local Plan proposals are being modelled. Transport Modelling and Highway development control input into progression of Local Plan.

**16. Key Developments**

Germany Beck - The development in Fulford has now commenced with the Access Junction anticipated to be complete in spring 2017. Constraints have been imposed on the delivery of the scheme to minimise the traffic impact during construction but it is anticipated that there will be disruption during certain activities.

James Street Link Road – The developed delivering the remaining section of the James Street Link Road between Heworth Green and Layerthorpe has completed the site remediation. It is anticipated that the scheme will be completed later in the financial year.

## **Abbreviations**

CYC – City of York Council

LEP- Local Enterprise Partnership

LSTF- Local Sustainable Transport Fund

ULEV – Ultra Low Emission Vehicles

WTCA – West Yorkshire Combined Authority

WYTF – West Yorkshire Transport Fund

YNYER – York, North Yorkshire and East Riding