

Executive Member for Transport and Planning

Economic Development & Transport Policy & Scrutiny Committee

15 September 2015

Key Transport Issues (15/16)

1. Park & Ride Operator Contract

The procurement of a new operator provides opportunities to enhance the service and reduce the environmental impact of the vehicles. Bid to be submitted for additional Electric Vehicles to operate service. Report to 24 September Executive.

2. Major Infrastructure Investment

Major schemes are currently being progressed through the West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund– 4 York schemes within programme:

- Outer Ring Road Upgrade: Development of 7 roundabout upgrades currently progressing using local funding allocations. Scheme to be split into phases. Consultation with public on first phase expected to be in early 2016. Gateway 2 (approval to procure) anticipated for construction to start by Feb 2017. Complete full project in 2019/20.
- York Central Access inc. Station Frontage Improvements - currently progressing using local funding allocations. Gateway 1 (approval to progress to detailed design) anticipated in early 2016.
- City Centre Public Transport Priorities - Not currently being progressed pending Local Plan and transport policy decisions
- Clifton Moor Park & Ride not being actively progressed pending confirmation of Local Plan decisions.

Decision on longer term funding and governance commitment required as soon as possible to allow schemes to progress.

3. Transport Systems Maintenance

There has been an historic under investment in the traffic systems infrastructure maintenance which has resulted in a backlog of works of approx. £1.5m to bring the city's Traffic Signals, CCTV, Variable Message Signs etc. up to a reasonable condition.

A report will be presented to the Executive Member reviewing the current status and providing a recommended way forward. It is proposed to rectify the backlog by allocating capital funds from the Integrated Transport block

4. Budget Pressures

Significant general budget reductions across the Council and Transport Service are anticipated over the next four years. Difficult decisions will need to be made for non-statutory functions within the Transport Service –School Crossing Patrols, CCTV etc.

5. Local Sustainable Transport Fund ends in March 2016 (£1m Revenue in 15/16)

No replacement funding identified. There will be a significant reduction in capacity to deliver transport initiatives - up to 7 posts fewer. A restructure of the Transport Service will commence shortly to address the anticipated funding reductions. Alternative funding opportunities are being investigated.

6. Local Transport Plan Refresh

The current LTP3 continues to be the Council's transport strategy document. The document would benefit from a refresh to take account of changes since publication e.g. emerging Local Plan, Technology (electric buses), Governance and Funding sources etc. Remit and programme for refresh to be confirmed when there is more clarity

7. Coppergate

Options for restricting the levels of unauthorised traffic on the Coppergate/Pavement Stonebow route to be developed. Two stage approach – Short Term to address signage issues, Longer term to change environment in area. Aiming for Stage 1 report in October

8. Parking Strategy

Options for longer term management of parking within the city to be developed including review of Marygate Pay on Exit. Conflicting demands of Environmental Impact, City Centre Access and Council Income to be addressed. Aiming for November Report

9. Subsidised Buses

Significant pressure on subsidised bus service budget – general review and consultation on criteria for prioritising budget allocation proposed in Autumn 2015.

10. Key Capital Programme Projects to be delivered in 15/16
A19 Pinch Point (Phase 1 on site (complete in September), Phase 2 consultation in Autumn 2015 and delivery in early 2016), Jockey Lane Cycle Route, Clarence Street widening, Rougier Street bus shelter upgrade, Road Safety schemes.
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 currently undertaking feasibility work. Public Consultation in 2016.
12. Footstreets Operation
Review of operation of footstreets area to be undertaken – particularly disabled access.
13. A Boards
Consultation on draft guidelines and licensing policy to be undertaken with report back to Executive at end of 15/16.
14. ULEV Low Emission City Bid
York has been shortlisted (1 of 12 cities) Final bid to be submitted in September. Aspiration to increase number of electric vehicles in city.
15. Local Plan
Transport Modelling and Highway development control input into progression of Local Plan.

Key Developments

16. Hiscox (Peasholme Green changes) Stadium (P&R parking changed and service rerouted), Germany Beck (A19 Flood defence and junction provision), British Sugar, York Central.