

Report to:	Transport Committee		
Date:	04 March 2022		
Subject:	Summary of Transport Schemes		
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Is this a key decision?		□ Yes	⊠ No
Is the decision eligible for call-in by Scrutiny?		□ Yes	⊠ No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information or appendices?		□ Yes	⊠ No
If relevant, state paragraph number of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, Part 1:			
Are there implications for equality and diversity?		□ Yes	⊠ No

## 1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To inform the Transport Committee of the transport related project approvals from the following:
  - 06 January 2022 Finance, Resources and Corporate Committee
  - 03 February 2022 Combined Authority
  - 07 February 2022 Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee

#### 2 Information

The following projects were presented at the Finance, Resources and Corporate Committee meeting on 06 January 2022 - Capital Spend and Project Approvals

2.1 The full agenda and papers for the Finance, Resources and Corporate Committee on 06 January 2022 can be found on the Combined Authority website <a href="https://example.com/here.">here.</a>

#### **Bus Franchising Needs Assessment**

- 2.2 This scheme will investigate the options for the proposed bus franchising scheme. This will include a thorough needs assessment, incorporating an assessment of the benefits and impacts of bus franchising, a comparison of these against other bus reform options, an audit of the proposed scheme, and the preparation and launch of public consultation. The outcomes will form the basis for a full business case.
- 2.3 The scheme will be funded by Combined Authority Gainshare funding.
- 2.4 The scheme gained approval to proceed through decision point 2 (strategic outline case) and work commence on activity 4 (full business case).

#### **York Castle Gateway**

- 2.5 This scheme is part of the wider York Castle Gateway Masterplan, which will be delivered in two phases. Phase 1 will include a new pedestrian cycle bridge, creating new strategic routes into and across the city for pedestrians and cyclists. Phase 2 includes enhancements to public spaces, involving reducing the number of car carrying roads, replacement and upgrading of bus stops and an upgraded pedestrian and cycle crossing.
- 2.6 This scheme is funded from the West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund (WY+TF).
- 2.7 The scheme gained approval to proceed through decision point 3 (outline business case) and work commence on activity 4 (full business case).

#### **Armley Gyratory**

- 2.8 The Armley Gyratory scheme will increase highway capacity through increasing lane numbers and widening approach roads. Signal upgrades will improve the operational efficiency of the gyratory and better accommodate rerouted traffic following closure to City Square. It will also replace the existing footbridges over the A58 and A643 with a new 4 metre wide bridge for pedestrians and cycle (compliant with LTN1/20 design standards) and widen the existing footpaths at the gyratory.
- 2.9 The Armley Gyratory scheme has been identified for delivery through the £78,800,000 Leeds City Centre Package (LCCP) programme funded by the West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund (WY+TF).
- 2.10 The scheme gained approval to proceed through decision point 4 (full business case) and work commence on activity 5 (delivery).

#### **Harrogate Road New Line**

2.11 This scheme will improve the existing junction at Greengates and includes the widening of the existing highway on all four arms of the junction, signal upgrades, junction improvements and improvements for pedestrians and cyclists.

- 2.12 This scheme will be funded from the West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund (WY+TF).
- 2.13 This change request sought approval to increase Combined Authority funding from the previously approved total of £7,665,00 to £8,812,000 (an increase of £1,147,000). The scheme has encountered significant cost increases due to the discovery of uncharted underground utilities, requiring extensive redesign work. This combined with the need for staff to isolate with symptoms of Covid 19 has also added an estimated 30 weeks to delivery timescales.
- 2.14 The scheme gained approval to the change request for the increase to the total value of Combined Authority funding due to exceptional circumstances.

# The following projects were presented at the Combined Authority meeting on 03 February 2022 - Capital Spend and Project Approvals

2.15 The full agenda and papers for the Combined Authority meeting on 03 February 2022 can be found on the Combined Authority website <a href="here">here</a>.

# Corridor Improvement Programme – Calderdale – A629 (North) - Ogden to Orange Street Roundabout

- 2.16 The scheme will improve access for walking, cycling and buses. This will make it easier to use, cross and travel along the A629 corridor with the aim of reducing journey for all road users.
- 2.17 The scheme will be funded from the West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund (WY+TF)
- 2.18 The scheme gained approval to proceed through decision point 3 (outline business case) and work commence on decision point 4 (full business case).

# The following projects were presented at the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee meeting on 07 February 2022 - Capital Spend and Project Approvals

2.19 The full agenda and papers for the Place, Regeneration and Housing Committee meeting on 07 February 2022 can be found on the Combined Authority website here.

#### **Heckmondwike Bus Hub**

- 2.20 The scheme will improve bus stop arrangements in the centre of Heckmondwike, creating a bus hub. The scheme will involve replacing the existing traffic island and four surrounding bus stops with a new building and waiting area, offices, accessible toilet provision and a changing places room. There will be six bus station style 'drive in reverse out' (DIRO) bus stands and one layover bay, increasing current capacity.
- 2.21 The scheme is funded through the Transforming Cities Fund.

2.22 The scheme gained approval to proceed through decision point 3 (outline business case) and work commence on activity 4 (full business case).

# **Selby Station Gateway Scheme**

- 2.23 The scheme comprises of two new entrances to Selby Railway Station, with enhanced facilities and a new car park to the east. Dedicated cycle lanes, widened footpaths and new pedestrian crossing facilities, combined with oneway systems and traffic calming measures, will reduce the dominance of cars, and improve access to and from the station on foot and by bike and provide better connectivity to the Trans Pennine Trail and National Cycle Network routes.
- 2.24 The scheme will be jointly funded by the Transforming Cities Fund (TCF), the Changing Places Fund, North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC), and Selby District Council (SDC).
- 2.25 The scheme gained approval to proceed though decision point 3 (outline business case) and work commence on activity 4 (full business case)

# **Leeds City Centre Package – City Square Plus**

- 2.26 The City Square Plus scheme includes City Square closure, East Parade bus improvements, Westgate Slip Road, Globe Road signalisation, traffic management measure, and a signing strategy.
- 2.27 The City Square Plus package of schemes will be delivered through the Leeds City Centre Package (LCCP) programme funded by the West Yorkshire plus Transport Fund (WY+TF)
- 2.28 The scheme gained approval to proceed through decision point 3 (outline business case) and work commence on activity 4 (full business cases).

#### 3 Tackling the Climate Emergency Implications

3.1 The Climate Emergency implications have been considered on all projects included in this report as part of their business case development.

#### 4 Inclusive Growth Implications

4.1 The inclusive growth implications have been considered on all projects included in this report as part of their business case development.

#### 5 Equality and Diversity Implications

5.1 Equality Impact Assessments (EQIA) have been undertaken on all projects included in this report as part of their business case development.

#### 6 Financial Implications

6.1 The report outlines for information expenditure from the available Combined Authority funding as recommended by the Combined Authority.

# 7 Legal Implications

7.1 The payment of funding to any recipient will be subject to a funding agreement being in place between the Combined Authority and the organisation in question.

# 8 Staffing Implications

8.1 A combination of Combined Authority and local Partner Council project, programme and portfolio management resources are or are in the process of being identified and costed for within the schemes in this report.

#### 9 External Consultees

9.1 Where applicable scheme promoters have been consulted on the content of this report.

#### 10 Recommendations

10.1 That the report be noted.

# 11 Background Documents

11.1 None.

## 12 Appendices

12.1 None.