



## Minutes of the Transport Working Party

7 December 2016

-: Present :-

Councillor Robert Excell (Chairman), Councillor Mark King (Vice-Chair), Councillor Anne Brooks, Councillor Steve Darling, Councillor Ian Doggett, Councillor Robert Excell (Chairman), Councillor Derek Mills, Councillor Mike Morey and Councillor Mark King (Vice-Chair)

(Also in attendance: Ian Jones, Fran Hughes, Shirley Hopkinson, Adam Luscombe and Peter Woodhead (TOR2), Mike Brown (TOR2), Councillor Di Stubbley, Councillor David Giles - Brixham Town Council)

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### 232. Apologies for absence

None.

### 233. Minutes of Last Meeting (30th June 2016)

- MK asked IJ to give an explanation with regard to the slippage of the programme for Fleet Street, item 227. IJ advised that proposals had changed since the previous meeting. IJ stated the programme for Fleet Street will slip due to TDA's resources being concentrated on the Western Corridor and Torquay Gateway projects. TDA have advised that they are unable to deliver the start of this project in January. IJ has asked them to consult with the traders with regard to when they would prefer the works to take place. The options are to delay the start until the Autumn, possibly working through Christmas or delay for a calendar year. The purchasing of materials in advance will continue as planned.
- RE advised that MK will now have highways and transport under his remit as Executive Lead. Parking will continue to remain under RE.
- Minutes were accepted.  
**Proposed** – Cllr Mills  
**Seconded** – Cllr King  
**All in favour.**

### 234. Carriageway Markings - TOR2 Verbal Update

- IJ advised that he had invited TOR2 to the meeting to provide an update on carriageway marking following a question at Full Council. IJ advised that Highways are working closely with TOR2 to rectify and prioritise as possible the re-marking of lines.

- PW advised that they are circulating weekly reports, and working with the Highways Team to prioritise these works. There is a current issue with leaves therefore the works are being coordinated with sweeping works to enable lining to take place after roads have been swept. Works are being carried out by an in-house crew, and new equipment has been purchased with priorities being agreed weekly. These are issued to the Lining Crew weekly, however it can be difficult to complete all in a week.
- AB advised that she had received a message from St Marychurch residents that they had not been looking forward to Christmas due to the lining issues. They have now expressed their thanks for the works that have been completed.
- IJ advised that the required works are broken down into areas and needs. Areas are chosen on their balance of need, and trying to split resources between safety and parking.
- It was confirmed that any enquiries should be passed through to Highways, however TOR2 will respond to any safety critical ones.
- RE queried if an ongoing list could be made available for Ward Councillors to enable them to know which roads are being completed. FH advised that there are no resources for a weekly list to be produced. This is to be discussed further at the next Executive Briefing.
- SD queried when it would be possible to close the gap in the works and by what date. RE advised that it is an ongoing issue as there are 70 areas that are unable to be enforced due to the need for lines to be re-marked. FH advised that in reality resources have been reduced over the life of the contract which has caused issues. This means that we will always be playing catch up unless additional investment is made.
- MM advised that without investment there is an inability to do what is necessary, and that this is the ideal time to look at it with the upcoming budget proposals.
- FH clarified that over £1m has been removed from the highways budget and we are unable to carry out lining works due to the condition of some roads. Competing factors mean that we can't consider one issue in isolation, and as fast as lining is carried out another set of lines requires refreshing. This will have to continue unless something changes.
- IJ reiterated that they are working together and that cyclic marking is continuing. They are also looking at whether they can combine ordered services with cyclic works.

*MB and PW left the meeting.*

### **235. Decommissioning of Red Light Violation Cameras**

- IJ presented a report giving an overview of cameras within the Bay, specifically red light violation cameras. These are placed on evidence based locations with the Peninsula Road Safety Partnership managing their operation and the amount of enforcement that is required. This report looks at 3 specific red light violation cameras which are not working properly.
- The proposal is for two to be decommissioned and one existing site to be recommissioned using apparatus from one of the decommissioned sites. This has been brought to the meeting due to the requirement to show to the Partnership that there is a formal procedure in place for the decommissioning to be agreed.

- The junction at Elmsleigh Road and Dartmouth Road has been inactive for many years and is no longer required due to works that have been carried out. Shiphay Lane junction with Newton Road does not currently work, however it would be beneficial to retain a camera at this location. The camera at Lowes Bridge is in good condition and can be reused at Shiphay Lane. It is not required at Lowes Bridge as the actuations are mainly for blue lights. It is therefore proposed to relocate this camera to Shiphay Lane and to decommission Lowes Bridge and Dartmouth Road. IJ advised that he needs a recommendation of support from the Working Party to enable him to take this to the Peninsula Road Safety Camera Partnership.
- **Recommendation**  
It was recommended that Lowes Bridge and Dartmouth Road cameras should be decommissioned, with the camera at Shiphay Lane being recommissioned using the equipment from Lowes Bridge.
  - **Proposed** – Cllr King
  - **Seconded** – Cllr Morey
  - **All in favour.**

### 236. Road Safety Initiative 2016/17

- IJ advised that the Road Safety Initiative programme is usually presented earlier in the year, however this has been delayed as capital was not approved until October.
- IJ advised that this shows where we are with priorities agreed at previous meetings together with advice on which priorities are to be put forward for the current year.
- Site review – only two cluster sites have been noted and these were both shown last year. These are Hyde Road, Paignton and the junction of Browns Bridge Road and Riviera Way Torquay. Whilst causing concerns there are no specific commonalities with the roads concerned.
- IJ proposed that they continue to monitor Browns Bridge Road. Hyde Road will be looked at as part of the town centre regeneration so will continue to be monitored.
- 20mph zones around schools are proposed to continue to be implemented. Appendix 4 of the report lists those schools that have yet to be completed. The order of priority will be agreed with the Executive Lead and these will continue to be implemented.
- Proposed schemes – as there are no evidence based schemes, smaller schemes and areas of concern should be considered. Schemes to be considered are
  - Totnes Road, by the Parkers Arms zebra crossing
  - Totnes Road Blagdon Road - provision of a central island to protect right turn traffic
  - Sands Road and Whitstone Road, crossing facility required due to pedestrian demands
  - It should be noted that highways currently are picking up schemes from previous years:- Kings Ash/Waterleat Road junction is being implemented

through the Western Corridor scheme and a proposed evening 20mph zone at The Strand Torquay is still being progressed.

- IJ recommended that Highways should continue with the programme and recommended that the Working Party approve priorities for the current year.
- SD queried why money is being spent on road safety when there are thousands dying through air quality and asked what consideration has been given to air quality? IJ advised that this is outside of his expertise; however some works have been carried out around air quality ie Bolton Cross and Hele Road. These are the only two zones that we have.
- FH advised that she has received a recent report on air quality and the public health implications, she will share this in due course. Hele Road remains a concern, and FH will provide an update on this.
- MM advised that there is a need to progress the 20mph zones outside schools as quickly as possible. IJ confirmed that officers are working through the list, however there have been some issues for the lighting contractor with new equipment, which are currently being addressed.
- AB advised that some flashing lights outside Homelands School are on all night. IJ confirmed that there has been an issue with the lights and officers are attempting to get all sites automated. Unfortunately the batch of signs have an issue with them which the contractor is attempting to debug and resolve at no additional cost to the authority.
- ID queried if cycle training is being cut. IJ confirmed that this will continue as it is grant funded.

#### **Recommendation**

To continue with the programme of implementation

- **Proposed** – Cllr Doggett
- **Seconded** – Cllr Morey
- **All in favour.**

#### **237. Western Corridor - Verbal Update**

- RE passed IJ a plan for perusal from Cllr Haddock on behalf of the Churston residents which showed suggestions for the Windy Corner scheme. It was agreed that this should be discussed at a future Executive Member Briefing as the scheme has already been approved.
- IJ advised that there is a significant phase coming up in the Western Corridor Improvement Scheme.
- Tweenaway to Waterleat section is nearing completion. Surfacing is to be completed by Christmas, but we are currently waiting for confirmation from the Signal Company as to when the signals for the crossing will be available.
- Spruce Way to Churscombe Cross – temporary fencing and reptile screens are in place, tree clearance is under way. Scheme has gone out to tender with contractor due to be appointed in January. Road is due to be closed at the beginning of February until the end of March. The full closure will allow for major earth works to take place to lower the level of the brow of the hill by approximately 1 metre. Diversions will be in place with temporary vms signs. There may be difficulties for a couple of months but on previous occasions that the road has been closed it has been chaotic for an initial few days whilst diversion routes become known. The Contract will enable the contractor to work

as many days as possible, with a suggestion to consider working weekends but this will be down to the Contractor to decide within his programme. Once the road reopens works will continue through the Summer until Christmas 2017, but traffic should be kept moving, albeit under some periods of traffic control.

- Brixham Road and Yalberton Road junction – design is currently being completed, with the scheme potentially starting in April 2017 to avoid closure of Kings Ash Road.

*ID left the meeting*

- Windy Corner – planned to commence in Autumn 2017. Currently waiting for a decision from the Planning Inspectorate with regard to the land swap. This decision is expected within the next 3 months.
- AB queried if the road closures will be advertised. IJ confirmed that signs will be put out in advance together with the use of VMS. A press release is also due to go out shortly. It was suggested that the Community Partnerships should also be advised of these works. It was agreed that information should be passed to Tracy Cabache for her to distribute to the relevant Community Partnerships.
- DS advised that she has been approached by retired and elderly residents in Warborough and Galmpton, who don't like using the subway and have requested the installation of a crossing to the shops. RE advised that this is not relevant to this meeting and requested DS to discuss this with MK for a future meeting.
- ID queried if there will be parking restrictions on Marldon Road as part of the Western Corridor Scheme. IJ advised that this detail has not been considered yet and that this will be looked at once the contractor is appointed. It is not planned to take this facility away from residents unless there is a safety need or that they can be accommodated elsewhere.

*MM left the meeting.*

### **238. Presentation of new LTP Implementation Plan - Verbal Update**

- AL gave a verbal update on the Implementation Plan. There is an allocation of £5m over the next 5 years. This has been allocated specifically in the past. £2.4m of the money will be committed to current schemes with the remainder being used for new projects. Whilst schemes have been consulted on, the process can be restarted if required. The funding can be used to develop business cases. The detail still needs to be discussed later this week.
- It was confirmed that the bid for money for Edginswell was made to the DfT on 25 November. It is expected to hear back in Spring 2017.
- DS advised that there are speeding issues along Old Road at Galmpton. RE requested DS to speak to MK separately on this issue as it is not relevant to this meeting.

### **239. Date of Next Meeting**

#### **PROPOSED DATE:**

Provisional 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017, 4pm, Meadfoot Room, Town Hall, Torquay.