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1.)

Welcome and Apologies

Apologies:

- Councillor Adrian Hardman Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Adult Social Care

Tom Pierpoint - Great Western Railway

2.)

Getting Building Fund (GBF) / WLEP Business case approvals:

**Hoobrook Junction Improvement Scheme**

Presentation by Nick Churchill, Project Manager

Project objectives:

- Reduce congestion and improve air quality at the junction of A442 Worcester Road, A449 Chester Road, A449 Worcester Road and Wilden Lane
- Reduce journey times across the wider network
- Improve pedestrian facilities in the area and promote active travel
- Internal stacking improved and maximised
- Traffic manoeuvrability improved
- Vehicle movement paths improved
- Existing entry path curvature departures from standards mitigated through signalisation
- Wilden Lane entry path curvature geometrically improved

How the objectives will be delivered:

The scheme comprises of the following improvements:

- Signals on 3 roundabout arms (other than Wilden Lane)
- Signals on the circulatory

- Signalisation will improve green times for greater throughput and capacity
- Rationalisation and improvement of current Non-MotW\*<sup>n</sup>

- At the Cattle Market junction, there will be reconfiguration of lane markings on the A456 Kidderminster Road from the south to provide a left turn only lane and ahead lane up to the left turn slip access
- A flare out of the ahead lane to two lanes past the left turn slip
- At the Worcester Road junction, the signalised junction will revert to the previous layout; on the A456 3 lanes provided over a distance of 80m to the junction
- The left turn from the B4187 onto the A456 northbound will be banned

BCR/ VfM and cost:

- Scheme estimate £350k
- BCR = more than 4
- VfM category = **very high**

Main timescales/next steps:

Cattle Market junction:

1. Commence construction: October 2020
2. Complete construction: October 2020
3. Project completion: Autumn 2020

Worcester Road junction:

1. Detailed Design: winter 2020/21
2. Commence Construction: January 2021
3. Complete Construction: spring 2021
4. Project Completion: spring 2021

Councillor questions/comments:

Cllr Geraghty:

Commented this was a comprehensive presentation.

Cllr Kent:

The aesthetics of the Worcester Road junction need to be taken into account during this improvement project, such as road surfacing condition. He asked for a review of the use of bollards within the islands to assist demarcation of areas.

Cllr Kent:

Commented on the proposed ban of turning left with concerns for the likely behaviour of drivers. Fine tuning of the model is still to be done to understand the effects of traffic on implementing or lifting a ban on turning left at the junction.

Cllr Geraghty:

Cllr May as the Local Member supports the project and has shared her support with Cllr Geraghty.

Cllr Geraghty:

As the scheme is ready to deliver, it is recommended that approval be given to the project by the LTB.

**Decision: Recommendation to endorse the £210k of GBF towards this project.**

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**Kepax Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge**

Presentation by

BCR/

Fully supported the principle. Recently he had met with the local cycle lobby and agreed with Cllr Pollock for the desired segregation of pedestrians and cyclists using the bridge. From a practical point of view, Cllr Amos was well aware of conflict issues with pedestrians and cyclists along the river and canal side, particularly where the path is narrow. He commented that in Scandinavia, they use different coloured tarmacs to denote usage type for pedestrians and cyclists. He also raised a concern about likelihood of complaints .

Cllr Geraghty: