

Report for Information

Report to Norwich Highways Agency Committee
15 September 2011

Report of Head of city development services

Subject Major road works – regular monitoring

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Purpose

This report advises and updates members of current and planned future roadworks in Norwich.

Recommendations

That the Committee notes the report

Financial Consequences

There are no direct financial consequences from this report.

Strategic Objective/Service Priorities

The report helps to achieve the corporate priorities of a strong and prosperous city and the service plan priority to coordinate programmes to achieve best value.

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Background Documents

None

Report

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1. Roadworks are a source of frustration and inconvenience to road users but they are an essential operation and need to be managed carefully to minimise their impact on the travelling public.
2. There are 2 main originators of roadworks; The Highway Authority and public utility companies. Norfolk County Council has a responsibility to improve and maintain the highway, while the public utility companies have a responsibility to provide and maintain their infrastructure, the vast majority of which is located under the highway. From time to time developers are also required to work in the highway, carrying out improvements to facilitate access to their developments.
3. The table attached as appendix 1 sets out the current works that are have been completed since your last meeting, are currently in progress or are planned for the future on the A, B and C class roads within the city. More detailed roadworks information is provided online via the electronic local government information network at <http://norfolk.elgin.gov.uk>
4. The more significant schemes are highlighted below.

Winter damage resurfacing schemes

5. Since the beginning of June several roads in the city have been resurfaced using the additional winter damage money that the government allocated for roads that had been severely affected by the freezing temperatures last winter. This was in addition to the planned resurfacing works. Given the number of schemes and the fact that the funding had to be spent by the end of September co-ordinating these works to minimise disruption has been challenging but on the whole it has worked well. The winter damage work has meant that other resurfacing schemes planned for the summer have had to be rescheduled.

Finklegate

6. At the end of December 2010 Finklegate was closed to vehicular traffic when the road and some adjoining properties showed signs of subsidence. Council engineers are working with engineers of the insurance companies for the buildings to establish the cause of the subsidence and the future of the buildings. It is expected that these investigations will be concluded shortly and works can then begin to reopen the road. A verbal update will be given at the meeting.

Christmas Embargo

7. Every year both the highway authority and utility companies are banned from undertaking any planned works on the main road network, or on the majority of streets within the inner ring road, between Remembrance Sunday and the second week of January, the main Christmas shopping / sales period. The

exception to this are emergency works that cannot be delayed, and works that have no affect on the free flow of vehicles or pedestrians.

Utility works

8. At the current time there are no known planned utility works on the main road network that will cause disruption. Amey are completing the final phase of their street light replacement programme but this should have minimal impact on road users.

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Works completed since 28th July

Location	Lead authority	Type of scheme	Traffic management	Dates works took place	Remarks
Barrett Road	City	Resurfacing	Lane closures	17 th – 26 th August	Works completed on schedule
Daniels Road Roundabout	City	Resurfacing	Closure of A11, ring road remained open	Weekend of 13 th /14 th Aug	Works completed on schedule
Thorpe Road – Carrow Rd to Clarence Rd	City	Resurfacing	Road closure	21 st & 28 th August	Works completed over 2 Sundays, rather than 3.
Earlham Road – Wilberforce Rd to Fiveways	County	Resurfacing	Road closure	15 th – 26 th August	Works completed on schedule. Some concerns raised about the signing of the scheme.
Carrow Bridge	County	Repainting and footpath works	Bridge closure	Weekend of 3 rd /4 th Sept	The northern footpath on the bridge will remain closed for 14 weeks to facilitate other works. Temp ped crossing provided.
St Augustine's Street	County	Resurfacing & remedial works	Road closure	Weekend of 3 rd /4 th Sept	

Works in progress

Location	Lead Authority	Type of scheme	Traffic management	Expected completion date	Remarks
Finklegate	City / Insurance company	Ground subsidence – Investigatory work in progress	Road Closure	TBC	Awaiting results of investigation in cause of the subsidence, this will determine when the road can be re-opened

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Planned future works

Location	Authority responsible	Type of scheme	Traffic management	Anticipated dates	Remarks
Foundry Bridge junction	City	Resurfacing	Closure of Riverside Rd – Thorpe Rd & Prince of Wales Rd remain open	18 th & 25 th Sept (Sundays)	This is likely to cause considerable disruption
Newmarket Road / Eaton Road	City / County	Replacement of traffic signals and improved pedestrian and cycle facilities	Eaton Road and Leopold Road to be closed	24 th to 28 th October (half term)	Works designed to minimise congestion on the A11, Newmarket Road.
Dereham Road / Barn Road	County	Provision of a bus lane on the approach to Barn Road, the closure of St Benedict's and modifications to the junction	Not yet known	October 2011 through to March 2012	No works will take place on either Dereham Road or Barn Road during the Christmas embargo period.
Colman Road	City	Resurfacing	Not yet known	13 th – 17 th February 2012 (half term)	