

Report to Norwich highways agency committee
21 July 2016
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.

Recommendation

To note the report.

Corporate and 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.

Financial implications

There are no direct financial consequences from this report

Ward/s: All wards

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Background documents

None

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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 two 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 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 works are highlighted below.

City Centre remodelling scheme

5. The introduction of two-way traffic on Farmers Avenue and Golden Ball Street has been completed, with the remodelling of the junction at Rouen Road. Works will take place in September to remove final piece of existing island and installation of tactile paving
6. Works are soon to commence at Finkelgate, Ber Street and Queens Road to remodel the junctions to allow a smoother flow of traffic, including the introduction of a mini roundabout on Ber Street and the widening of the bell mouth on Finkelgate. The final section of this junction remodelling will be on the junction of Hall Road and will take place during autumn half term. Thorn Lane has now been permanently closed as part of this scheme.

City Centre 20mph scheme

7. Works on Ber Street and Westwick Street are about to commence to allow installation of build outs and speed cushions in various locations

Push the Pedalways schemes

8. Works are about to commence on the remodelling of the Fifers Lane/Ives Road junction.
9. Works are ongoing at the Catton Grove Road/Woodcock Road roundabout

National Grid upgrades

9. National Grid Gas main upgrades within the city are as follows for august: Westwick St, Sandy Lane, Bessemer Road, Bluebell Road area

Works in progress

Location	Lead Authority	Type of scheme	Traffic management	Due for completion	Remarks
Woodcock Road and Catton Grove Road	Norwich City Council (PtP)	Cycling Scheme	Intermittent closures with traffic lights at other times	Late July 2016	Works to incorporate essential City Council tree works
Westlegate/ Golden Ball Street	Norfolk County Council	Remodelling scheme	Permanent closures of Westlegate and Thorn Lane, all other works done under traffic lights	Early 2017	The programming of these works has been largely excellent, with no major issues caused by the works

Planned future works

Location	Lead Authority	Type of scheme	Traffic management	Anticipated dates	Remarks
Finkelgate/Ber Street/Queens Road	County	Push the Pedalway	One way closure of Finkelgate with lights and priority working	TBC (but completed before end of summer holidays)	These works will also incorporate essential resurfacing of Ber Street
Fifers Lane	City	Push the Pedalway	Closure of Heywood Road and lights and priority working	08/08-02/09	

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Hall Road	National Grid then County	Replacement of Gas mains followed by County resurfacing scheme	Closures of sections of each road	11/07-15/09	Works will cover Bessemer Road, Sandy Lane, Hall Road and will cease for august bank holiday weekend for railway bridge works
Long John Hill	Network Rail	Replacement of entire bridge over Long John Hill	Road closure	To end of Sept 2016	Rail bridge will be replaced over the August bank holiday weekend and the road will be open when remedial works are complete
Westwick St	City	City Centre 20mph	Closure	08/08 to 19/08	These works were rescheduled to allow National Grid to install new mains