

**Report to** Cabinet  
10 July 2013  
**Report of** Head of city development services  
**Subject** Consideration of the Local Transport Body's long list of transport improvement projects

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**Item**

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## **Purpose**

To inform members that the Local Transport Body is seeking comments on the proposed long list of transport improvement schemes and suggestions for additional schemes that could be included in that list.

## **Recommendations**

- (1) To endorse the transport improvement schemes that directly benefit the city that are included in the draft long list from the Local Transport Body and to ask that the importance of the economic and environmental benefits to the city of Norwich of those schemes and their wider economic and jobs growth potential for the whole of the Greater Norwich area be recognised in the prioritisation process.
- (2) To request that the following schemes are added to the list;
  - (a) £3.8m funding for improvements to the pink pedalway on the cycle network
  - (b) £5m funding for implementation of improvements to other pedalways identified in the agreed cycle network
  - (c) £6m for NATS city centre improvements, including Westlegate, Golden Ball Street, Rose Lane and Prince of Wales Road

## **Corporate and service priorities**

The report helps to meet the corporate priorities of a prosperous city, a safe and clean city and decent housing for all. It also helps to deliver the service plan priority to deliver new housing and jobs and to deliver [NATS] improvement schemes

## **Financial implications**

There are no direct financial implications for the city council

**Ward/s:** All wards

**Cabinet member:** Councillor Stonard – Environment, development and transport

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## Background documents

None

# Report

## Background

1. The Norfolk and Suffolk Local Transport Body (LTB) involves the two county councils and the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership. It has been set up to allocate government funding to major transport improvement schemes across Norfolk and Suffolk. It is anticipated that it will receive £39M over the 5 year period 2015-2019 and that qualifying projects will have a value in excess of £2m each.
2. The LTB has published its long list of potential projects. This comprises major transport schemes identified in the current plans of Norfolk and Suffolk County Councils. Stakeholders are being asked for their views on the long list and to make suggestions about which schemes should be added to the list for consideration for inclusion on the 2015-19 spending programme.
3. Once the long list has been finalised the projects will be assessed. The LTB are proposing to use 5 criteria to assess the relative priority of each scheme; value for money, deliverability, environmental impact, social/distributional impact and economic and regeneration effect. This prioritisation will be used to produce the draft programme. Norwich is one of the two key economic drivers in the LEP area with significant potential for further growth. It is hoped that this pre-eminence and opportunity is properly reflected in the prioritisation, alongside a need to deliver sustainable patterns of travel with reduced and more predictable journey times for all users being a very strong economic driver for employers.
4. A meeting of the LTB in late July will be asked to consider the draft programme, together with any comments received, and to sign-off the final programme for submission to government by the end of July.

## The Long List

5. A copy of the long list is attached as Appendix 1. Below are the schemes that are directly relevant to Norwich.
  - (1) Norwich northern distributor road
  - (2) Great Eastern main line – Norwich to London rail speed and capacity improvements
  - (3) Norwich to Cambridge rail improvements
  - (4) Norwich area transport strategy (NATS) public transport improvements, including bus rapid transit (BRT) routes
  - (5) A140 bus priority from Long Stratton to city centre
  - (6) A47 Longwater junction improvements
  - (7) A11 / A47 Thickthorn junction improvements
  - (8) A47 / B1108 junction improvement
  - (9) A47 Postwick hub

6. It should be noted that at this stage the list includes some schemes that may not be eligible for LTB funding as they have been funded from other sources.

### **Additional schemes**

7. The long list was produced from existing published programmes. At the current time implementation of the agreed NATS cycle network for the Greater Norwich area and the city centre NATS measures do not feature in any published programme.
8. The city council has recently submitted an application for a cycle city ambition grant to the department for transport seeking funding to significantly improve the pink pedalway from the Norwich Research Park (NRP) to Heartsease and beyond. The bid is for £3.8m to contribute to a £5.5m scheme overall. It is suggested that this be added to the long list so that it can be assessed, should the cycle ambition bid be unsuccessful. A further bid for £5m to implement other pedalways identified on the agreed cycle network is also suggested.
9. Within the city centre there are a number of changes identified in the NATS implementation plan, including the closure of Westlegate, making Golden Ball Street and Rose Lane two way and removing general traffic from Prince of Wales Road. It is suggested that funding is sought to complete these schemes.

## Integrated impact assessment



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### Report author to complete

<b>Committee:</b>	Cabinet
<b>Committee date:</b>	12 July 2013
<b>Head of service:</b>	Andy Watt
<b>Report subject:</b>	Consideration of the Local Transport Body's long list of transport improvement projects
<b>Date assessed:</b>	25 June 2013
<b>Description:</b>	

	Impact			
Economic (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Finance (value for money)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other departments and services e.g. office facilities, customer contact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ICT services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Economic development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Improving accessibility to Norwich by all modes of transport will boost the city's economy and it's capacity to deliver further jobs and economic growth
Financial inclusion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Social (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Safeguarding children and adults	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<u>S17 crime and disorder act 1998</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights Act 1998	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Health and well being	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equality and diversity (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Relations between groups (cohesion)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

	Impact			
Eliminating discrimination & harassment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Advancing equality of opportunity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Environmental (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	All schemes on the long list are aimed at improving accessibility
Natural and built environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Until the details of all schemes are known the effect on the natural and built environment cannot be judged, but every effort will be made to have a neutral or positive impact on the environment. Insofar the schemes lead to more travel by non-car modes they have the potential to improve the natural and build environment
Waste minimisation & resource use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pollution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposes schemes will help encourage non-car modes or reduce congestion and thereby help to decrease pollution
Sustainable procurement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Energy and climate change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(Please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Risk management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**Recommendations from impact assessment**

**Positive**

**Negative**

**Neutral**

**Issues**



## **Norfolk and Suffolk Local Transport Body: Published Long List**

NB: Schemes on this list are taken directly from the local authorities' published plans. Some may not be relevant for consideration for funding from the local major transport scheme pot because, amongst other things, they may already have received funding or may not meet the criteria for the funding stream.

All schemes, plus any arising from the public engagement process will be assessed and appraised in accordance with the Local Transport Body's published processes.

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Location / Scope</b>
<b>A11 junction improvements</b>	Thetford, junctions of A11 with A1075 Thetford Road / Norwich Road, C107 Croxton Road, A134 Two Mile Bottom / A1066 Mundford Road, and B1107 Brandon Road / A134 Brandon Road (Norfolk)
<b>A12 - 4 villages by pass</b>	A12 Glemham - Farnham - Marlsford - Stratford (Suffolk)
<b>A12 Gapton Hall Roundabout improvements</b>	A12/A1243 junction Great Yarmouth (Norfolk)
<b>A12 Harfreys Roundabout improvements</b>	A12 junction with C631 Williams Adams Way / Harfreys Road (Norfolk)
<b>A12 Junction Improvements</b>	James Paget Hospital, Beacon Park roundabout and Bridge Road (Norfolk)
<b>A12/A143 link road</b>	New link road between A12 and A143, extending from Beaufort Way (on Beacon Park) (Norfolk)
<b>A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvements</b>	Cambridge to Huntingdon (Cambridgeshire)
<b>A14 Copdock major junction improvements</b>	Copdock (Suffolk)

<b>A140 Harford - sustainable transport corridor</b>	Bus priorities on A140 from Long Stratton to Norwich city centre. (Norfolk)
<b>A47 Acle Straight Dualling</b>	A47 Acle-Great Yarmouth (Norfolk)
<b>A47 Easton / Longwater</b>	A47 junctions with A1074/U71505/C162/C574 and U78206 (Norfolk)
<b>A47 Easton to Tuddenham dualling</b>	A47 from Easton roundabout to dualling at N Tuddenham (Norfolk)
<b>A47 Hardwick Junction</b>	A47/A149/A10 junction, King's Lynn (Norfolk)
<b>A47 Honingham Expressway</b>	A47/C539 junction Honingham (Norfolk)
<b>A47 Middleton/East Winch bypass</b>	A47 from King's Lynn westwards to Narborough (Norfolk)
<b>A47 Other junctions</b>	Pullover (A47/ A17) and Saddlebow (A47/A148 NORA) roundabouts, King's Lynn (Norfolk)
<b>A47 Vauxhall Roundabout improvements</b>	A47/A12 junction, Great Yarmouth (Norfolk)
<b>A47 Wisbech bypass improvement</b>	Junction A47 with broad End Road (Norfolk)
<b>A47/A10 link road</b>	A10 bypass of West Winch to link with A47 east of Hardwick roundabout (Norfolk)
<b>Attleborough A11 link road</b>	Preferred route from the B1077 Buckenham Road to the London Road in the vicinity of the Breckland Lodge roundabout (Norfolk)
<b>Attleborough Town centre transport improvements</b>	Attleborough town centre (Norfolk)
<b>B1108/A47</b>	Part signalisation (Norfolk)
<b>Beccles Relief Road</b>	Beccles southern relief road (Suffolk)
<b>Bittern Line Rail Improvements</b>	Norwich-N Walsham-Cromer-Sheringham rail line. Various improvements (Norfolk)
<b>Blofield to Burlingham dualling</b>	A47 single carriageway section between Blofield and Burlingham (Norfolk)
<b>Brandon Relief Road</b>	Brandon (Suffolk/Norfolk)

<b>East Suffolk Rail Line</b>	Westerfield - Lowestoft level crossing closure (Suffolk)
<b>East Suffolk Rail Line</b>	Westerfield - Lowestoft electrify line (Suffolk)
<b>Eastern Relief Road</b>	Bury St Edmunds / Rougham (Suffolk)
<b>Felixstowe Rail Line</b>	Ipswich - Felixstowe double tracking (Suffolk)
<b>Great Yarmouth local junctions</b>	A149 junctions with ASDA/Station Approach and B1141 Fullers Hill / North Quay / A149 North Quay (Norfolk)
<b>Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing</b>	New crossing from A12 Harfreys Road roundabout to Southgates Road (Norfolk)
<b>Gt Eastern Main Line</b>	Norwich - London rail speed and capacity improvements (Suffolk/Norfolk)
<b>Haverhill Relief Road</b>	NW Haverhill (Suffolk)
<b>Hospital roundabout improvements</b>	A1076/A149 junction, King's Lynn (Norfolk)
<b>Ipswich Transport Corridor Improvements</b>	Ipswich (Suffolk)
<b>Ipswich Wet Dock Crossing</b>	Ipswich (Suffolk)
<b>King's Lynn Town centre gyratory improvements</b>	King's Lynn gyratory (A148 Railway Road / Austin Street / A1076 Blackfriars Road) (Norfolk)
<b>Leiston Passenger Rail Service reinstatement</b>	Leiston (Suffolk)
<b>Long Stratton bypass</b>	A140 Long Stratton (Norfolk)
<b>Lowestoft 3rd River Crossing</b>	Lowestoft (Suffolk)
<b>Lowestoft Commercial Road improvements</b>	Lowestoft (Suffolk)
<b>Lowestoft Denmark Road improvements</b>	Lowestoft (Suffolk)
<b>Lowestoft N Spine Road phase 5</b>	Lowestoft (Suffolk)
<b>New bus station, King's Lynn</b>	King's Lynn bus station (Norfolk)
<b>Northern Distributor Road</b>	Norwich (Norfolk)

<b>Norwich to Cambridge railway</b>	Norwich-Cambridge rail line. (Norfolk/Cambridgeshire)
<b>Postwick Hub</b>	(Norfolk)
<b>Public transport NATS</b>	Sustainable transport / BRT routes (Norfolk)
<b>Sudbury Chilton Woods access road</b>	Sudbury (Suffolk)
<b>Sudbury Relief Road</b>	Sudbury (Suffolk)
<b>Suffolk Rail Lines</b>	Suffolk wide improvements to regional hubs (Suffolk)
<b>Thetford bus station</b>	New bus interchange on land between St Nicholas Street, Minstergate and London Road (Norfolk)
<b>Thickthorn Junction</b>	A47/A11 junction. Measures to include improvements for traffic, Park and Ride, and buses (Norfolk)
<b>Wherry Line rail and Great Yarmouth station improvements</b>	Great Yarmouth station and Norwich to Great Yarmouth rail route (Norfolk)
<b>Wickham Market Rail Loop</b>	Wickham Market (Suffolk)