

Report to Norwich highways agency committee
15 September 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

Cabinet member: Cllr Bert Bremner – Environment development and transport

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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 <https://roadworks.org>
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 October to complete the final works to Cattle Market Street. This will involve up to three weeks of closures to the northbound carriageway
6. Works are in progress 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 have been completed to allow installation of build outs and speed cushions in various locations
8. Works on Duke Street are due to commence in early October to allow installation of build outs and speed cushions in various locations along the street. These works will mostly be completed with lane closures, but there are three Sundays in October for overnight closures of Duke Street and some associated closures of side streets as works progress (Colegate, Muspole Street, St Marys Plain)

Transport for Norwich Cycling scheme schemes

9. Works are in progress on the remodelling of the Fifers Lane/Ives Road junction and have recently started on the Hall Road scheme
10. Works have been completed at the Catton Grove Road/Woodcock Road roundabout

11. Subject to the agreement of this committee, work to implement the St Clements Hill scheme will commence in October 2016

Network Rail

12. The railway bridge has been successfully replaced over the August bank holiday weekend. Long John Hill will remain closed for an extended period of time whilst remedial works and landscaping take place

National Grid upgrades

13. National Grid Gas main upgrades within the city are largely completed with only Westwick Street outstanding, due for completion on 16/09

Works in progress

Location	Lead Authority	Type of scheme	Traffic management	Due for completion	Remarks
Finkelgate/Ber Street/Queens Road	County	Push the Pedalway	One way closure of Finkelgate with lights and priority working	16/09/2016	These works will also incorporate essential resurfacing of Ber Street
Westlegate/ Golden Ball Street	Norfolk County Council	Remodelling scheme	Permanent closures of Westlegate and Thorn Lane, all other works done under traffic lights	Spring 2017	Works to Cattle Market Street will take place in October, then works will be put on hold until Jan 2017

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
Hall Road / Old Hall Road	City	Push the Pedalway	Positive Traffic Management with short term closures of minor side road junctions	Early October to mid December	

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Duke Street	City	City Centre 20mph	Lane closures with three overnight closures on Sunday evenings in October	02/10/2016 – 11/11/2016	
Constitution Hill	City	City Centre 20mph	Closure followed by lights	24/10-28/10 for closure	
Constitution Hill/St. Clements Hill	City	Push the pedalway	Closure of Constitution hill as dates, further minor closures TBC	24/10-28/10 for closure	Timed in conjunction with above works