

Report to Norwich highways agency committee
17 September 2015
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.

Push the Pedalways programme

5. The design work for the majority of the schemes has been completed and work has commenced on constructing the major schemes. The first scheduled project on Magdalen Street (a contra-flow cycling scheme), commenced on 26 January 2015 and was completed on 6 May 2015.
6. The major project for works on Tombland and Palace Street commenced on 18 May 2015 and is scheduled to last for 25 weeks.
7. The major project for works on The Avenues and its junctions with Bluebell Road and Colman Road commenced 1 June 2015
8. Works to upgrade the intersection of Park Lane, Unthank Road and Essex Street were completed on 16th August. Minor works around this upgrade on Essex Street, Rupert Street, Cambridge Street and Avenue Road are ongoing. The planned improvements to the traffic calming on Avenue Road is now delayed until October half term.

National Grid upgrades

10. National Grid Gas main upgrades within the city centre have largely been completed, with one large project to upgrade the gas main in Westlegate, All Saints Green and Red Lion Street awaiting scheduling but likely to commence early autumn

Works in progress

Location	Lead Authority	Type of scheme	Traffic management	Due for completion	Remarks
Tombland & Palace Street	Norwich City Council (PtP)	Cycling Scheme	Closure of Palace Street and traffic management via signals in Tombland. Access to all businesses will be maintained	Early November 2015	
The Avenues Phase 1	Norwich City Council (PtP)	Cycling Scheme	Closure of The Avenues between Colman Road and Bluebell with access maintained for residents and allotment users	Early September 2015	Works have been scheduled to incorporate essential highways maintenance and allow for works to upgrade non-highways surfaces within the UEA site
Park Lane, Unthank Road and Essex Street	Norwich City Council (PtP)	Cycling Scheme and crossing upgrades	Closure of Unthank Road and Park Lane and suspension of one way on Essex Street	End of October	Traffic calming works on Avenue Road Road delayed to October half term

Planned future works

Location	Lead Authority	Type of scheme	Traffic management	Anticipated dates	Remarks
Heathgate	City	Push the Pedalway	Mostly off highway	September - December 2015	
Salhouse Road	City	Push the Pedalway	Two way lights and some road closures	October 2015	Although NCC will be the lead authority on these works, this project will largely take place on Norfolk County highway
The Avenues Phase 1	Norwich City Council (PtP)	Push the Pedalway	Give and take and two way lights	December 2015	Works to verge improvements