

Report for Information

Report to Norwich Highways Agency Committee
27 November 2008
Report of Head of Transportation and Landscape
Subject Major Roadworks – 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 priority for a strong and prosperous city. Maintenance of the highway helps achieve the Service Plan priority to foster a safe, attractive, clean and healthy environment.

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Background Documents

None

Report

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1. The County Council has allocated funds for highway maintenance and improvement works in the current financial year. In addition, there are works associated with several new developments, which has lead to a significant amount of highway works in and around the city centre. These works have been carefully programmed to minimise as far as possible the impact on pedestrians and traffic. When necessary, appropriate diversions will be put in place and signed.
2. In addition to programmed highways works, Utilities Companies are permitted to carry out works to repair and replace their mains and cables in the adopted public highway.
3. Despite the long-term benefits that accrue from works to upgrade and improve the condition of the Utilities Companies services and the public highway, the act of carrying out these works is viewed as a major inconvenience and source of annoyance to the travelling public. As far as possible, all works are co-ordinated to minimise disruption.
4. As part of the process to provide the travelling public with better information on the extent of on-going and proposed major roadworks, a weekly summary is sent via the County Council to the Police, AA, RAC and national and local media for inclusion in roadworks reports on television, radio and local newspapers.
5. This summary forms the basis of the appended report for monitoring of major roadworks in and around the City. Also attached is a schedule of the major schemes in and around the city centre showing programmes of works as far as is currently known.

MAJOR ROADWORKS MONITORING REPORT

Location	Contractor	Site	Traffic Control	Start Date		Finish Date		Remarks
				Proposed	Actual	Proposed	Actual	
St George's Street	NCC/HA	C/F	Road Closure	January 2008	January 2008	September 2008		Public Space Improvements Phase 2
Mile Cross Lane / Vulcan Road South	HA	C/F	Off Peak Lane Restrictions	September 2008	September 2008	October 2008	October 2008	Traffic Signal Upgrade
Heartsease Lane nr Rider Haggard Road	HA	C/F	Off Peak Lane Restrictions	October 2008	October 2008	November 2008		Traffic Signal Upgrade
Oak Street nr Jenkins Lane	HA	C/F	Off Peak Lane Restrictions	September 2008	September 2008	September 2008		Traffic Signal Upgrade
Aylsham Road	HA	C/F	Off Peak Lane Restrictions & Temp Signals	January 2009		March 2009		Installation of Pedestrian Refuges
Earlham Road/ Heigham Road	HA	C/F	Off Peak Lane Restrictions	February 2009		March 2009		Junction Alterations
Weston Road	HA	C	Off Peak Lane Restrictions	February 2009		March 2009		Resurfacing of carriageway

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Little Bethel Street	HA	C/F	Off Peak Lane Restrictions & Temp road closure	January 2009		March 2009		Footway Improvements and resurfacing of the carriageway
Silver Road	HA	C/F	Off Peak Lane Restrictions	January 2009		March 2009		Installing a Zebra Crossing
Albion Way	HA	C	Off Peak Lane Restrictions	September 2008	October 2008	October 2008	November 2008	Installation of Pedestrian Refuge
Angel Road	HA	C	Temp road closure	October 2008	October 2008	April 2009	November 2008	Install positive drainage during school holidays
Magdalen St/ Fye Bridge Street/ Wensum Street	HA	C	Off Peak Lane Restrictions & short term road closures	February 2009		April 2009		Resurfacing of carriageway – Subject to budget availability
Grapes Hill	HA	C/V	Lane Restrictions	January 2009		March 2009		Localised widening into central reservation for improved bus reliability
Hellesdon Road	AW	C	Road closure	August 2008	August 2008	January 2009		Improved surface water drainage

ABBREVIATIONS USED

HA	Highway Authority (City or County Councils)
AW	Anglian Water
EE	Eastern Electricity
BT	British Telecom
CW	Cable & Wireless
NCC	Norwich City Council (non Agency)

SITE OF WORKS

C	Carriageway
F	Footway
V	Verge