

Report to Norwich highways agency committee
20 March 2014
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 2 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 are 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.

Surfacing programme

5. The surfacing programme for 2014/15 starts in April and will see sections of the ring road re-surfaced. The traffic management for these schemes will be designed to minimise delays. For example, the resurfacing of the Chartwell Road Roundabout will take place overnight, between 7pm and 7am

Grapes Hill Bus Lane, St Stephens Street and Chapel Field North

6. Members will recall that in November 2012 this committee approved the implementation of a southbound (uphill) bus lane on Grapes Hill and in March 2013 approval was given to removing general traffic from St Stephens Street and making Chapel Field North two way for buses and access. Implementation of these schemes was put on hold following an application to the high court for a judicial review into whether the councils had adopted all the correct procedures in determining the proposals. The initial application for the judicial review was rejected on the basis that the 3 grounds were inarguable, and an appeal against that decision has been recently be rejected on the same basis. Therefore the schemes can now be implemented.
7. Work on Grapes Hill is anticipated to start on 28 April for 12 weeks. This date is subject to confirmation, and it is possible there will be some utility diversion works ahead of this date. The work be completed using off peak lane closures.
8. The work to implement the St Stephens Street and Chapel Filed North schemes will follow on from the Grapes Hill works and it is anticipated that these will be completed before the Christmas embargo comes into effect in mid November. Details of the traffic management arrangements for these works should be available for your June meeting

Works in progress

None

Works completed since last report

Location	Lead Authority	Type of scheme	Traffic management	Anticipated dates	Remarks
Convent Road	County	Improvements	Off peak lane closures	13 Jan – 24 Feb 2014	
Constitution Hill	City	Resurfacing	To be agreed	17 – 21 February 2014	
Catton Grove Road / Woodcock Rd rbt	City	Resurfacing	To be agreed	17 – 21 February 2014	

Planned future works

Location	Lead Authority	Type of scheme	Traffic management	Anticipated dates	Remarks
Chartwell Road approach to Wroxham Road rbt	County	Resurfacing	Overnight (7pm-7am) working	7 – 14 April 2014	
Heigham Street	County	Resurfacing	Sunday closure	11 May 2014	
Mile Cross lane	County	Resurfacing	Lane closures, side road closures. Two way traffic maintained on ring road	19 – 24 May 2014	
Magdalen Road	County	Resurfacing	Road closure over bank holiday weekend	24 - 26 May 2014	
Lakenham Road	County	Resurfacing	TBC	23 – 30 June 2014	
Ipswich Road	County	Resurfacing	TBC	11-15 August 2014	
Harpsfield & Chapel Break Road, Bowthorpe	County	Resurfacing	TBC	1-5 September 2014	

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Grapes Hill bus lane	County	Highway improvement	Lane closures	28 April – 18 July 2014	Please note these dates are subject to confirmation
Chapel Field North & St Stephens Street	County	Highway improvement	TBC	July – November 2014	Please note these dates are subject to confirmation