

**Report to** Norwich highways agency committee  
19 March 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

**Cabinet member:** Cllr Stonard – Environment development and transport

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### **Background documents**

None

# Report

## Background

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.

## Chapel Field North and St Stephens Street

5. The work to make Chapel Field North two way for buses and access and to remove general traffic from St Stephens Street was substantively complete on 7 November when the scheme formally came into operation. Works in Little Bethel Street were completed shortly after. The only outstanding works as part of the scheme were the upgrading and modification of the pedestrian crossing on Chapelfield Road at the junction of Vauxhall Street, including the resurfacing of the pathway outside Johnson Place.

## Push the pedalways programme

6. The design work for the majority of the schemes is nearing completion 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 is due to finish mid to late April 2015. The traffic management will involve the closure of Magdalen Street between Edward Street and Bull Close Road, with residential and business access in and out from the south. A pedestrian through route will be maintained at all times.
7. The rest of the proposed major projects are detailed below in the table overleaf.

## National Grid upgrades

9. National Grid Gas are currently in the middle of a program of gas main upgrades involving city centre locations including London St, Red Lion St and Westlegate. In the majority of instances, roads will be kept open, with closures overnight where possible to minimise disruption. Works have been completed

### Works in progress

<b>Location</b>	<b>Lead Authority</b>	<b>Type of scheme</b>	<b>Traffic management</b>	<b>Due for completion</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Magdalen Street	Norwich City Council (PtP)	Cycling Scheme	Closure of Magdalen Street with access to all businesses maintained	Mid-to-late April	Crossing may not need to be closed during all of works

### Works completed since last report

<b>Location</b>	<b>Lead Authority</b>	<b>Type of scheme</b>	<b>Traffic management</b>	<b>Due for completion</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Chapel Field pedestrian crossing	County	Highway improvement	Closure of Chapelfield pedestrian crossing, and some traffic management around Chapelfield roundabout	completed	Completed slightly ahead of schedule

## Planned future works

<b>Location</b>	<b>Lead Authority</b>	<b>Type of scheme</b>	<b>Traffic management</b>	<b>Anticipated dates</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Tombland	City	Push the Pedalway	To be determined	May to August 2015	
The Avenues	City	Push the Pedalway	To be determined	April to July 2015	
Park Lane / Unthank Road	City	Push the Pedalway	To be determined	July / August 2015	