

**CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE**

**2013/14 CAPITAL PROGRAMME END OF YEAR SUMMARY**

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An update for these 10 schemes is detailed on the reverse

**PROGRESS AS EXPECTED**

**2013/14 Capital schemes programmed for delivery in quarter 4**

16 out of 22 capital schemes, due for delivery in quarter 4, have either been completed or are progressing as planned, and are detailed below. For details of the remaining schemes please see the 'Progress not as Expected' section.

**Bridges in Lancaster Rural East**

- Principal Bridge Inspections have been carried out on the following bridges - Claughton Bridge on Hornby Road; Halton Station Bridge near Mill Lane; Fostal Bridge on Littledale Road and Denny Beck Bridge on Lancaster Road.
- The Principal Bridge Inspections for the following bridges have started and the outcome will be assessed during quarter 1 2014/15 – Loyn Bridge on Gressingham Road, and Brewers Barn Bridge on A601(M) Carnforth Link Road.

**Footways**

- Hillsea Avenue in Morecambe (Heysham) – full length footway resurfacing to the full length has been completed.

**Local Priorities Response Fund**

- Penny Street Phase II from Cheapside to Brock Street (Lancaster East) – the county council's contribution as part of the joint scheme with Lancaster City Council is complete. Lancaster City Council are progressing with the works on site.

**Flood Risk Management and Drainage**

- Halton Road in Halton (Lancaster Rural East) – work to repair the blocked culvert has been completed.
- Slyndale Culvert on A6 Slyne with Hest – the design and investigation works have been substantially completed to allow a funding bid for works costs to be progressed which will be submitted to the Environment Agency/ DEFRA in summer 2014. The outcome of this bid will be reviewed during quarter 2 2014/15.

**A, B and C Roads**

- C354 Stoney Lane (Lancaster Rural East) – the majority of the surface dressing is complete, with some minor works outstanding which couldn't be completed due to utility works in the area. This will be completed during quarter 1 2014/15.

**Capital schemes carried over from previous quarters for delivery in quarter 4 2013/14**

**Road Safety**

- Marine Road east of Central Drive Roundabout (Morecambe) – works to install a zebra crossing are complete.
- A6 Northbound (Lancaster Central) – the installation of Trixi mirrors (large curved mirrors designed to increase visibility for pedestrians and road users) at the traffic signal junction and circular cycle route in the area of Spring Garden Street has been completed.

**Bridges**

- Crook 'O' Lune Bridge near the picnic site and Millennium Park (Lancaster Rural East) – the full restoration which included painting, decking and masonry repointing is complete.
- Skerton Bridge Pointing on Owen Road (Skerton) – we have received a new proposed mortar mix from a company called PAREX who produce historic mortar types. Trials on the piers will be carried out to ascertain if the proposed mortar is suitable to be installed in a tidal environment. It is hoped that the works will be carried out in summer 2014.

**Footways**

- Newton area, Langdale Road/Coniston Road, (Lancaster East) – footway resurfacing works are complete.

**PROGRESS NOT AS EXPECTED**

**2013/14 capital schemes programmed for delivery in quarter 4 which have been delayed**

**Flood Risk Management and Drainage**

- River Keer in Carnforth (Lancaster Rural East) - the scope of the works was increased to allow further extensive surveys and investigation with cleaning and root cutting to take place. This further work has now shown that more works are required to ensure the existing drainage system performs satisfactorily, future deterioration is reduced, and on-going maintenance is minimised. Due to the nature of the project, it is likely that the scheme will be completed during quarter 2 2014/15.
- Bottomdale Road in Slyne (Morecambe North) – the new drainage scheme has slipped to 2014/15 due to a timing clash with the Heysham to M6 link road works which may potentially disrupt and displace traffic further. Works are now anticipated to start during quarter 4 2014/15.

- Fleet Lane, Gressingham (Lancaster Rural East) - works to build a new headwall where a pipe flows into the River Lune and further highway drainage improvements have been delayed to quarter 3 2014/15 due land access issues and other higher priority works at River Keer and Halton Road.
- Dolphinholme Old Post Office in Dolphinholme (Lancaster Rural East) - investigation and works to improve the drainage system have been delayed to quarter 2 2014/15 due to works at River Keer and Halton Road..

**Capital schemes carried over from previous quarters for delivery in quarter 4 2013/14 which have now been delayed**

**Road Safety**

- Morecambe Road near Penhyrn Road toucan (Skerton) – the designs for a footway conversion to a shared pedestrian and cycle path has been completed. Implementation is subject to Cabinet Member approval anticipated between quarter 1/2 2014/15.

**Bridges**

- Greyhound Viaduct Bridge Study (Skerton) – this scheme is currently progressing through the procurement process. Progress will be reviewed during quarter 1 2014/15.

**SERVICE UPDATE**

**Road and Street Maintenance: Pothole Repair**

2013/14	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	13/14 Target
<b>Lancaster</b>													
Monthly % of potholes filled within 30 days	100%	99.2%	98.6%	97.8%	99.6%	97.4%	92.1%	84.8%	86.5%	95.1%	99.9%	99.5%	90%
Cumulative % of potholes filled within 30 days	100%	99.4%	99.1%	98.6%	98.9%	98.5%	96.8%	94.7%	93.4%	93.7%	94.9%	95.3%	
<b>Lancashire</b>													
Cumulative % of potholes filled within 30 days	99.9%	99.6%	99.5%	99.4%	99.5%	99.3%	98.7%	97.8%	97.0%	97.1%	97.1%	97.2%	90%

In 2013/14, 97.2% of the potholes, identified through Highway Safety Inspections (HSI) across Lancashire, were repaired within a 30 day period. Therefore the 90% target was achieved. In Lancaster, 8,770 potholes were identified during 2013/14 by HSIs. Of which 8,359 (95.3%) were repaired within 30 days. Proposals for the revision of the defect maintenance indicator will be taken to Cabinet Committee for Performance Improvement (CCPI) for approval in June.

**Community Rail Partnership (CRP) Programme Improvements**

The Leeds, Lancaster, Morecambe CRP has just completed its Community Cohesion project and the CRP is looking at how it can secure an improved train service through the re-franchising of Northern Rail. In conjunction with the Furness Line CRP and Cumbria County Council, a study into the development of the Barrow to Lancaster line has been commissioned.

**Trading Standards**

**Unsafe Machines**

Several hundred grinding and milling machines have been removed from sale that were imported from China and sold over the internet to the public. The machines were found not to have any form of electrical earthing and posed a serious electrocution risk to the user. The problem was identified following a complaint made to Trading Standard by a Morecambe purchaser of a machine, who after examining the machine had grave concerns about its safety.

**Heysham M6 Link**

The Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Heysham to M6 Link took place on Monday 3 February 2014 with the leader of Lancashire County Council, Jennifer Mein, and the Chief Executive, Jo Turton present. Also in attendance was the local MP, Eric Ollerenshaw, and further elected members, as well as representatives from Costain and the other external consultants who have been involved in the development of this much needed scheme.

Representatives from Costain, the construction firm tasked with building the new link road connecting Morecambe and Heysham to the M6, along with Lancashire County Council also hosted a number of public exhibitions in February to give the local community another chance to meet the team and ask questions about the construction of the road. Now that construction has started, the exhibitions will explain in more detail about what is being built, how it will be built, and what impact can be expected during the two and half year construction period. Work has continued throughout the scheme with site clearance most notably at the Morecambe Road roundabout where vegetation has been cleared in preparation for major works in that area in a few months' time.

Work has also started to improve the Slyndale Culvert which will ultimately relieve the flooding issue in Slyne-with-Hest. Environmental investigations are continuing with particular attention to Archaeology and Ecology. Traffic management is in place in various locations, particularly on Caton Road, Lancaster Road, Barley Cop Lane and on Torrisholme Road. Work has also commenced of major new structures over the River Lune, Lancaster Canal and the West Coast Main Line Railway. During the next few months the remodelling of the M6 Junction 34 will commence.

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Programme	Project	Treatment	Original Delivery Quarter	Revised Quarter for 2014/15	Reason for Delay
Road Safety	Lancaster - Morecambe Greenway to Morrisons Retail Park	Cycle / footpath linking on desire line linking to pedestrian route into retail park	Quarter 4	Quarter 1/2	Land access agreements have delayed implementation
	Marine Road East of Central Drive Roundabout, Morecambe	Zebra Crossing	Quarter 3	Quarter 1	Slight delay due to other works in the area. Works have now been completed during early quarter 1
	Morecambe road (Penhryn road toucan) to Aldi	Footway conversion to cycle path	Quarter 2	Quarter 1/2	The designs for the scheme have been completed. Implementation of the scheme is dependent on the outcome of the Cabinet Member Decision making session which is scheduled to take place during July 2014.
A, B and C Roads	Gressingham Land Slip	Repairs to highway embankment	Quarter 2	Quarter 4	Scheme delayed due to issues with the landowner and ownership for the area
Flood Risk Management and Drainage	River Keer, Carnforth	Flooding from river onto A6	Quarter 4	Quarter 2	The scope of the works was increased as further extensive surveys and investigation are required
	Bottomdale Road, Slyne	New drainage system required after serious flooding	Quarter 4	Quarter 4	The new drainage scheme has slipped to 2014/15 due to a timing clash with the Heysham to M6 link road works
	Slyndale Culvert	Increase capacity on A6 - link with Lancaster City work and Heysham Link	Quarter 4	Quarter 1	The design and investigation works have been substantially completed.
	Fleet Lane, Gressingham	Outfall to River Lune - new headwall and apron	Quarter 4	Quarter 3	Delayed due land access issues.
	Dolphinholme, Old Post Office	Highway flooding - investigate and improve system	Quarter 4	Quarter 2	Due to other drainage works having to be prioritised at River Keer and Halton Road.
Bridges	Higher North Road Bridge	Study	A multi year scheme to continue into 14/15		

The bridges capital programme is made up of multiyear schemes therefore the following scheme from the original 2013 work programme will continue into 2014:

Programme	Project	Treatment	Detail
Bridges	Greyhound Viaduct Bridge	Study	Works complete during quarter 1 14/15

Details of the scheme/s that have been cancelled / are to be reconsidered during a future year's capital programme:

Programme	Project	Location	Details
Bridges	Carnforth Canal F/B	Carnforth	Cancelled due to on-going problems with Canal and River Trust regarding access. This scheme will be added to a future year's programme when the access problems have been resolved.
Drainage	Marsh Houses, Cockerham	Cockerham	Cancelled due to higher priorities at River Keer and Halton Road. the schemes will be considered during a future years programme
	Bailrigg Lane	Bailrigg	