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Subject of decision:

Traffic Signals and Crossing Point Programme – Project allocation amendments

Text of decision:

The 3 year Capital programme was approved in May, detailing within a list of Traffic Signals and Crossing point improvements for completion in 2018/19. This list was taken from a prioritised list of schemes that are required across the Borough.

1) Removal of schemes

Upon commencing further investigative works, it has become apparent that 2 of the projects should be aborted.

These 2 schemes, and reasons for abortion are as follows:

a) **Borough Road/Emerald Street Pelican to Puffin upgrade (£30k)**

This crossing is located within close proximity to the proposed regeneration of Gresham, and student village, which may alter the requirements/change in location of this facility. The asset is not in danger of suffering from corrosion, so it is proposed to be aborted until further master planning of Gresham is undertaken, with a view to place a developer contribution to cover the associated costs of re-location (if required) and upgrade.

b) **Union Street pedestrian crossing re-location (£60k)**

This crossing is located within close proximity to the proposed regeneration of Gresham, and student village, which may alter the requirements/change in location of this facility. Following more detailed site investigation works, it has been identified that re-locating to the proposed site will cause problems regarding junction proximity and alignments, which could pose safety risks. The asset is not in danger of suffering from corrosion, so it is proposed to be aborted until further master planning of Gresham is undertaken, with a view to place a developer contribution to cover the associated costs of re-location (if required) and upgrade.

2) Reduced cost requirements

Following further site investigations, the following schemes have been identified as requiring less funding than anticipated:

a) **Mount Pleasant Zebra Crossing installation (£30k original- £10k cheaper than anticipated)**

Following more detailed site investigations, the estimated cost of installing the infrastructure at this location has been reduced. It is therefore proposed that this income is placed back in to the programme for re-allocation (£10k)

These proposals free up £100k of funding, which is proposed to be re-allocated within the project.

3) Re-allocation of funds across programme

The re-allocation is proposed to be split as follows:

a) **New scheme - Newport Road dual pelican refurbishment (outside BBC Tees/Bus station) (£54k)**

The condition of the existing asset is poor. Following investigations, there is a risk of collapse which could cause injury. The project was scheduled for addressing in 2020/21, so this bring forward a scheme in the longer term programme. The bus station is not proposed to be re-located

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in the near future, so the works will not be abortive. Being so close to a major transport terminal, and the Western gateway to the City centre, this will be a major aesthetic improvement, alongside the fundamental safety improvements provided.

b) Hartington Interchange – Signal upgrades (£150k original - additional £30k required)

In order to fully connect the junction and provide improved pedestrian crossing facilities over the interchange, the scope of the project has widened. This project will now require upgrades at Metz bridge, estimated at a further £30k. As this junction is a major access point in to Middlehaven, Riverside Park and access to Middlesbrough Train Station (undergoing major upgrades over the coming years) this will provide a full solution, future proofing the busy interchange for anticipated economic growth.

c) Scheme scope alteration - Laurel Road Tabletop – upgrade to Zebra Crossing (£10k original - additional £6k required to cover costs)

After more detailed site investigations, there are issues surrounding drainage should a table top be installed. This would require significant sub-surface works to be undertaken, interfering with junction entrances and excessive costs. Vehicle speed at the location are low, so in order to highlight the busy crossing point, a Zebra crossing has been proposed. This will alert drivers to the facility, and provide assurance to pedestrians of an identified crossing point.

d) Borough Road/Palm Street pelican to puffin upgrade (£30k original – additional £10k required)

Following more detailed site discussions, the decision was taken to upgrade to Toucan crossing, which will allow cycles to use the facility, connecting the cycleway either side of Borough Road. Due to the increased scope, the costs will increase by £10k.

4) Governance and communications

The approved Transport and Infrastructure Capital Programme permits resource re-allocation up to the value of 15% or £25k (whichever is higher) to be delegated to the Director of Regeneration, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economic Development and Infrastructure. The proposals are within the limits, so this is the proposed route of action.

The above proposals will result in zero net change to the overall programme. It is proposed that if approved, the ward councillors affected by the abortion of the 2 crossing points, and additional Puffin installation be informed. Both of the aborted pieces of infrastructure are located in the Newport Ward, and the Dual Puffin Crossing at BBC Tees/bus station is located in Central Ward.

Declarations of Interest by any member or relevant local government body:

N/A

Date of decision:

25/7/2018

Reason for decision:

To allow more appropriate apportionment of the budget associated with the Traffic Signals and Crossing points programme of works.

Service area:

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Highways and Transportation
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Other options considered (if any):
None.
List of background papers
None.

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