

OSB Update

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Bereavement Services

- Work on the extension to Thorntree Cemetery will begin soon.
- As part of the extension, the existing drainage system is being assessed, any required works will be carried out.
- Burials at Thorntree will continue as normal. We will keep families and Councillors informed, working with the Communications team to ensure any updates are shared appropriately.
- We are continuing to explore long term options and locations for future burial provision.
- A feasibility study will soon be underway in Acklam Cemetery for the cremators and land use.

Waste Services

- Deliveries have started in Middlesbrough for Food waste bins and caddies and Paper & Cardboard Red lidded bin.
- The deliveries so far have been positively received by residents, with very few refusing to take the bins.
- The website reflects the estimated delivery timescale for households.
- Emails are being circulated to residents closer to the time of their deliveries to remind residents to look out for them.
- Bins are being tagged with a coming soon label, 2 weeks before delivery.
- Residents can sign up for reminders to be sent to them for confirmation of what bin to put out on the relevant day.

Alleys

- Baiting in alleys is scheduled every 10 days.
- We are in the process of rolling out steel bait boxes in each alley.
- Alley Cleansing is scheduled fortnightly (working Tuesday – Friday) which includes removal all waste and sweeping the alley.
- Where issues of fly tipping occur, these are reported to the Enforcement team directly.
- Deep Cleans will occur on a quarterly basis which include tasks such as moss removal, detritus removal and weed spraying.

City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement **(CRSTS)**

CRSTS is a programme of Government funding allocation provided to Tees Valley Combined Authority to make improvements for Sustainable transport on a regional approach. In Middlesbrough, this covers the following projects:

- **Linthorpe Road cycleway removal –**
 - Anticipated completion April.
 - Design changes have been undertaken to improve/retain safety features (PUFFIN crossing at Garnet Street and retention of Southfield Lane closure. Cycleway will be removed, and 47 parking bays re-instated.
- **Newport Road Cycleway and Bus improvements**
 - Newport interchange to Gilkes Street; creating continuous cycleway and extended bus lanes.
 - Final designs on-going. Anticipating to commence works in 2026, lead/managed by TVCA.
- **Stainton Way/Dalby Way Bus/pedestrian and cycle improvements**
 - Signalisation of Dalby Way; creating ped/cycle accessibility and improvements at Kings Academy roundabout. Anticipating to commence works in 2026, lead/managed by TVCA.
- **Longlands Road Cycleway**
 - Marton Road to Middlesbrough boundary. Scheme extension (within Redcar) to connect to Tees Works/Redcar. Anticipating re-consulting on scheme on 2026.
- **Levick Crescent/Croft Ave/Green Lane/Emerson Avenue/Keith Road/Marton Burn Road Cycleway provision**
 - Detailed design to accommodate comments from consultation on-going. A report will be presented to Exec in 2026 for decision.
- **Marton Road cycleway/bus improvements**
 - Designs on-going. Consultation to commence in 2026. Lead/managed by TVCA
 - Cycleway provisions, Bus lane and linking to other local cycleway projects currently underway (**'Ladgate to Longlands'**).

Transporter Bridge

2024

Structural assessment completed.

Structural Health Monitoring installed to understand how the bridge reacts to wind, temp and tidal activity.

2025

Proposed Allocation of £30m from TVCA and the DFT

Preliminary design of repair and strengthening commenced.

Special inspection of backstay cables and tower base steelwork.

Point cloud survey of the entire structure completed.

2026

Preliminary design to be completed.

Monitoring System to be upgraded

Installation of Peregrine nest box and camera

Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) Tender – issued March

Contractor to be appointed in Summer, for early contractor engagement to input into Preliminary Design.

2026/27

Detailed design

Stakeholder engagement to identify and ascertain additional (national) potential funding, e.g. DfT, MHCLG and Historic England.

2027-2032

Construction on site

Highways

- Delivery of Council Capital Programme
 - 17 footways schemes undertaken inclusive of accommodation works to footways to the rear of verge scheme.
 - 12 Verge schemes undertaken.
 - Obsolete Teesside Crossing kerbs removed where possible on these scheme.
 - Offer of a reduced cost to vehicle crossings while on site to reduce number of illegal vehicle crossing points which in turn reduces footpath damage.
 - Installation of dropped pedestrian crossing kerbs on both schemes where possible.
 - 5 standalone chicane and pedestrian crossing small schemes completed.
 - A174 Marton Road Overbridge commenced.
- Carriageway programme 2025/26
 - 31 locations on unclassified such as – Strait Lane, The Grove & Broughton Avenue.
 - 7 locations on classified with notable locations being - A66, Marton Road, Stokesley Road & Longlands Road
 - While undertaking the c/w schemes the lining is replaced and extended where possible to the extents of the closure points
 - Additional faded lining programme devised and commenced. Annual addition to the programme.
 - Off-peak working to minimise disruption to bus services and public.

Responsive Maintenance

- **Highways**

- Growth Fund has enabled additional investment and has secured an additional staff resource of up to 10.
- Significant benefits realised by increasing the volume of repairs being completed on time, across all aspects within the service, including; working with our insurers to assist in mitigating risk and overall insurance claims and faster turnaround in dealing with Councillor Gateway requests and completing works.

- **Pothole repairs**

- Responsive team have repaired 8,846 potholes , which is a significant increase on previous years.
- In addition, the Council **achieved a Green for its overall rating for highways maintenance.**

- **Drainage/Gully Cleansing**

- The introduction of the Gully Smart system has allowed the Council to target specific areas on cyclical cleansing frequency, rather than being reactive.
- Between August 2025 - Jan 2026, the Council has cleaned 12,000 drains, reducing the number of reactive callouts during significant rainfall.

- **Becks/Watercourses**

- Secured funding via the Growth Fund to recruitment is underway to create a dedicated becks team; resulting in a proactive service to target hot spot areas and ensure a cyclical cleansing programme is in place.

- **Training / Workforce Development**

- All Highways staff are being trained to a minimum of NVQ level 2 in Highways maintenance. 90% complete.