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Major Schemes

Connecting Derby is a key scheme for the Council to deliver. The total scheme cost is estimated at £33.2m, with contributions coming from the Department for Transport, the Local Transport Plan and external funding sources. We expect to receive full approval for the scheme later this year, subject to the conclusion of the outstanding statutory approval processes.

Strategic Integrated Transport Schemes, SITS

Investment is required to progress the development and design of future strategic integrated transport schemes across the city. This includes:

- the Transport Innovation Fund Congestion Management Study
- the major scheme bid for London Road Bridge replacement and any associated integrated transport schemes on the corridor
- new park and ride development for A61, A52, A6 Boulton Moor
- future strategic route corridor improvements including the next phase of Osmaston Road

Land Use Policies

This is a key strategy area that integrates planning and transport at both a strategic and local level. Strategic work includes supporting:

- the Core Strategy development, including the implications of the Growth Point initiative
- Cityscape and Public Realm projects – Full St/ Morledge, Castleward area, North Riverside and Rail Station Improvements
- key strategic developments across the city

At a local level, significant resources are targeted at responding to the day to day highways and transport development control functions, assessing the impact of new developments on our transport network. This strategy area is largely revenue funded.

Smarter Choices

This strategy is about the 'softer' aspects of transport, trying to change people's approach to the way they travel through education, publicity and information campaigns. We are developing an overall marketing strategy, but we already deliver a very full programme of initiatives and events covering:

- school travel plans
- business travel plans
- the Council's travel plan
- cycle derby programme
- public transport promotion and information
- air quality initiatives

This work is all linked in appropriately with the Council's Climate Change agenda. This strategy area is largely revenue funded.

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Local Safety and Accessibility Improvements

This area is focussed on developing and delivering local priorities across a range of areas including:

- local safety schemes
- district centre improvements, including Allenton, Alvaston and Mackworth
- safer routes to schools
- walking and cycling improvements
- traffic management improvements in residential areas
- parking issues and improvements
- local bus services and improvements
- road safety – education, training and promotion programmes, linked to the new Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership

It can be difficult to prioritise these schemes. The process is based on a broad assessment of the contribution that a scheme makes to the Local Transport Plan objectives and overall outcomes, with priority being given to accident-led safety issues.

Other schemes are largely selected by considering the priorities of Neighbourhood Boards and the supporting technical analysis of these issues, or whether a scheme fits in with another strategy, for example, safer routes to schools infrastructure schemes support the school travel plan programme.

Strategic Public Transport Improvements

The majority of these schemes relate to, developing and delivering bus priority schemes and bus route enhancements which may include:

- new bus lanes and bus priorities, including Osmaston Road, Kedleston Road and a new A52 to Costco bus link
- better linking with traffic signal timings, to provide priority
- real time information systems
- new bus stops, shelters and accessible kerbs

The key aim being to provide more transport choice and encourage more people to use buses for those journeys that they can. These schemes are developed and prioritised in consultation with the bus operators, through the Strategic Bus Partnership.

This strategy area also covers partnership working with East Midland Trains, to develop improvements to the rail station interchange and work to bring forward the new bus station as part of the Riverlights development.

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Strategic Traffic Management and Demand Restraint

This area covers our responsibilities for Network Management, intelligent transport systems and parking and traffic enforcement to improve our ability to manage traffic through our congested network. Work areas cover:

- managing road space during road works
- investigating and addressing measures to tackle congestion, junction improvements, signing improvements, including Cordon Avenue/ Uttoxeter Road, A5111/ Burton Road and Willowcroft Road/ Nottingham Road
- remote monitoring of traffic signals and CCTV
- parking operations management and enforcement, including bus lane enforcement.

Maintenance of Transport Infrastructure

Maintaining all our transport assets is important and resources are being invested in developing our detailed Highways Asset Management Plan, which should allow us to better target our scarce resources. The key programmes in this area are prioritised by condition surveys and include:

- carriageway maintenance
- footway maintenance
- structural maintenance of bridges and culverts
- traffic signals
- street lighting, through the PFI contract
- bus shelters
- general routine maintenance, safety issues, patching, signing and lining.