

COLCHESTER LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL – MINUTES AND ACTIONS

	PRESENT:	
Date: 9 December 2013	Panel Members: CC Member Anne Brown (Chair), Colchester Cllr Martin Hunt(Chair), Colchester Cllr Theresa Higgins, CC Member Julie Young CC Member Sue Lissimore, Colchester Cllr Lesley Scott-Boutell, Parish Cllr John Gili-Ross; Councillor Pauline Hazel	
Venue: Grand Jury Room, Colchester Town Hall		
Apologies: CC Member Kevin Bentley, Colchester Cllr William Quince, ECC Officer Bev Sargeant Senior Customer Services Officer	Other Attendees: , ECC Officer Alan Lindsay Strategy & Engagement Manager, ECC Officer Rob Macdonald Highways Liaison Officer, ECC Officer Corinne Pickett Highways Technical Advisor, ECC Officer Peter Wright Design & Consultancy Manager	
Item:	Action:	Action Owner :
1.	Welcome and Introductions: Chair Cllr Anne Brown opened the meeting and welcomed everyone	
2	Declarations of Interest	
3	Minutes of meeting held on 13 August and 9 September 2013 to be agreed as correct record	
4	<p>Casualty Reduction schemes– remaining budget: £39,555</p> <p>Rob Macdonald explained that these are design work for future Casualty Reduction schemes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tollgate Roundabout – £3,000 Agreed • B1027 junction with B1028, Wivenhoe –£2,000 Agreed • Highwoods Approach Roundabout junction with Eastwood Drive – £1,000 Agreed • A1124 Essex Yeomanry Way /Eight Ash Green Interchange – £3,000 Agreed • Brinkley Grove roundabout with Gavin Way, Brinkley Grove – £3,000 Agreed • Gosbecks Road / Layer Road / Berechurch Hall Road – £5,000 Agreed • B1025 Mersea Road junction Napier Road – Cllr Higgins requested a site visit with Engineers to discuss this scheme; panel requested more information to be brought back to the next meeting. <p>Panel members enquired as to whether the cutting back of vegetation mentioned in</p>	<p>RM</p> <p>RM</p>

	<p>the plans is a Maintenance function at Essex Highways. Rob Macdonald explained that these are works that are too big for the Rangers service to undertake and that any that did fall under maintenance would be completed by maintenance.</p>	
5	<p>The Strood – Options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Strood - signage proposals available with flood sensors – Rob Macdonald discussed the two options for this scheme: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dual Flash 2. Flood Sign <p>Peter Wright informed the Panel that the depth for activation of each sign would be 6 inches of water. Cllr Gili-Ross expressed his concerns that this is only a visual indication. Panel requested if this could be further investigated. Can the electronic signage (VMS) be activated at the same time the signage is; can the Essex Control Centre be informed etc. Cllr Brown requested that the papers are sent to Cllr John Jowers for his recommendations also. Bring back to the next meeting after further investigatory works.</p>	RM
6	<p>Potential Schemes for consideration of Panel:</p> <p>Improvement schemes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapel Road, West Bergholt - New school signage and slow markings – £2,300 top up Agreed • Vine Drive, Wivenhoe - widen the Colchester Road end of the layby –£3000 feasibility Agreed • Chapel Road and Winstree Road, Stanway - Weight limit restrictions of 7.5t except for access, as per Villa Road – –£2,500 study Agreed • Boxted Road, Mile End – 1) Add 30mph roundel adjacent to 30mph signage, 2) Add 30mph repeater signage within unlit section of road – £500 design Agreed • The Folley, Wivenhoe - signage to be erected – £500 design Agreed • Church Lane, Lexden - Undertake footway improvement works – £3,500 design Agreed • Moorside, Colchester - 1) Provide drop kerbing and tactile paving 2) Consider drop kerbing and tactile paving at other locations – Panel would like to see plans before this is agreed. • Grove Road, Tiptree - Add 2 No. Playground Signs and posts either side of Playground – £500 design Agreed • Grove Road Tiptree - 20mph Speed Limit – £1,000 design Agreed 	RM

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severalls Lane near the Honorius Drive bus stop - Pedestrian Refuge & Footway Works – £1,000 design Agreed • London Road, Stanway - SID on or near lighting column 40 – £500 design Agreed • Butt Road (coming up either Beaconsfield or Salisbury Aves) - Zebra Crossing – £2,500 design Agreed • Church Road, Tiptree (at Asda) - Zebra Crossing – Undertake PV2 survey and bring back results to meeting. Cllr Gilli-Ross asked will crossing be used by Asda customers; could we ask Asda to contribute? More investigation to be undertaken and look into the idea of Toucan crossing etc. Report straight to Cllr Bass once investigations have been undertaken as this would still not meet policy as on PR route. PV2 £890 Agreed • Elmstead Road, Wivenhoe - Footway from Colchester Road to Feedhams Close (approx 140 metre length and 50 metre length) – Panel would like more investigations to be undertaken. Cllr Young has written to residents to gauge support. LHP to be updated. • Mile End, Tufnell Way – VAS – Remove <p>Small Works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shoebridge’s Hill, Dedham - speed survey for VAS consideration – £210 Agreed • Ardleigh Road, Dedham - speed survey due to perceived speeding – £210 Agreed • Dale Close, Stanway - speed survey for 20 mph consideration – £210 Agreed • Halstead Road, Aldham - speed survey to see if the new limit is being adhered to – £210 Agreed • Maldon Road/Butts Road/Ladder Roads - six speed surveys - Beaconsfield Road, Constantine Rd, Errington Rd, Hamilton Rd, Salisbury Rd, St Helena Rd – £1,260 Agreed – Cllr Lissmore has requested that the reasons for the speed surveys are changed on scheme list for consideration. • B1025/Mersea road - speed survey for VAS consideration –£210 Agreed • Westlands, Prettygate, Colchester - two speed surveys for 20 mph consideration – £420 Agreed 	<p>RM</p> <p>RM</p> <p>RM</p> <p>RM</p>
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7	<p>Scheme Programme list: Rob Macdonald explained for information with estimated delivery date this financial year, completion dates and estimated dates for 14/15 DC221 The Avenue, Wivenhoe would like clarification of what this relates to – Cllr Young would like information.</p> <p>Panel members expressed some concerns over the scheme programme list; Rob</p>	<p>RM</p>

	Macdonald asked if Panel members could forward any concerns to him to answer.	
8	<p>AOB:</p> <p>Panel requested clarification on if a VAS is installed who carries out any future maintenance? Peter Wright and Rob Macdonald explained that there are discussions currently being undertaken regarding this issue and will report back to the Panel once a decision has been agreed. VAS signs have 5 year warranty however it is feasible that signs funded through the LHP would need to be maintained through the LHP.</p> <p>Panel requested that information is sent out regarding criteria for weight restrictions and 20mph roads and zones. Rob Macdonald explained that these would all need to be look at on an individual basis however Rob will send out the details and resend the Members Tool Kit.</p> <p>Councillor Gili-Ross requested that ECC approach the Parish Councils in a view to getting the schemes grouped together, such as a parish safety plan to make it easier for Officers and the Panel and meaning these can all be looked at, at the same time. Cllr Gili-Ross explained that the Traffic Safety Plans should be undertaken by the Parish Councils and approved by the community.</p> <p>Panel requested that once a speed survey has been undertaken could the Officers at ECC send the results to the relevant panel member for the area in order for them to see results and move forward with the high demand of requests for lower speed limits.</p> <p>Panel members expressed concern that some of the schemes are not grouped together i.e. Grove Road, Tiptree. Could this all be grouped together so panel members are aware of what schemes are going forward for the whole road?</p> <p>Cllr Lissimore raised a concern that some schemes were not showing on the scheme list, Rob Macdonald explained that this is because there are currently still approx. 20 schemes still awaiting validation and will be brought to the next panel meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Higgins would like clarification on 'where does the cycle route strategy fit into the LHP.</p> <p>AL confirmed that cycling schemes considered by the LHP are considered in relation to the Local Transport Plan as well as CBC's Cycling Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). Cycling schemes are considered in light of these key documents to ensure a policy fit alongside local desires and to ensure the best strategic cycling provision.</p> <p>Cllr Higgins asked why we are not putting in halo crossings automatically? Peter Wright explained that these are not permissible as expensive and ongoing</p>	<p>RM</p> <p>RM</p> <p>RM</p> <p>RM</p> <p>AL</p>

	<p>maintenance costs; the national guidance is to use these on Casualty Reduction sites only.</p> <p>Cllr Lissimore raised concerns that the schemes are taking a long time to be delivered; especially the easier schemes such as new barriers outside schools. Alan Lindsay explained that there are currently a high volume of schemes being undertaken across the whole of Essex.</p>	
9.	<p>Date of next meetings:</p> <p>March 6th 2014 Private</p> <p>June 9th 2014 Public</p> <p>September 10th 2014 Private</p>	