

## **Appendix B – Walking and Cycling / Active Travel Fund Phase 2 Outline Programme Actions and Timeline**

### **ATF Programme Delivery – Outline Considerations**

The following bullet points outline the various steps and approximate timescales associated with delivering the ATF T2 programme.

#### **A24**

- Complete review of existing proposal vs LTN 1/20 and confirm with DfT (January). This will enable any revisions required to existing plans to be made.
- Develop phase 1 of the engagement plan on the LTN 1/20 scheme proposal – this will be on-line via the Councils' new portal given C-19 restrictions (January 2021).
- Complete 4 week phase 1 engagement (mid Feb to mid-March 2021). This will provide initial feedback on scheme proposals.
- Analyse and report on consultation findings (mid-March and April 2021)
- Revise scheme design and produce new scheme plans (May and June / July 2021)
- Develop phase 2 of the engagement plan on the revised scheme plan – this will be a 6 week period commencing September 2021.
- Revise scheme plans against phase 2 consultation / produce final scheme drawings for approvals October / November 2021
- Scheme programmed for construction where timing is dependent on tendering options.

#### **Upper Shoreham Road**

- Create vision for scheme with Key Stakeholders (January 2021). This stage will determine the scope and scale of the scheme together with written and artists impressions of what various options might be like.
- Develop phase 1 of the engagement plan on the scheme vision – this will be on-line via the Councils' new portal given C-19 restrictions (January / early Feb 2021)
- Complete 4 week phase 1 engagement (mid Feb to mid-March 2021) on the vision options. This will allow the public to consider the various options available and to have their say on what is promoted.
- Analyse and report on consultation findings (mid-March and April 2021)
- Obtain necessary approval / agreement (May 2021). If there is no consensus on the scheme at this time it may be necessary to cease work or revisit scheme design and allow a further period of consultation. Doing so would delay the timetable and possibly a bid to DfT.
- Produce draft scheme design (May and June 2021).
- Write business case for Upper Shoreham Road (June / July 2021).
- Submit business case when DfT open a bidding opportunity.

#### **School Gate Improvements Programme**

- Since September we have been working with all schools to understand how home to school travel (for all pupils) is currently being undertaken. This has led to various interventions e.g. additional bus capacity and behaviour change activity e.g.

encouragement to walk and cycle. This work is known as the Travel Demand Management Project.

- Approximately 30 schools have identified various small-scale infrastructure improvements that would assist them.
- A prioritisation mechanism based on the community highways scoring system is being employed to rank each of these improvements. The TFG will be asked in January to advise Cabinet Member on which schemes should form part of the School Gate Improvements Programme.
- Once agreed appropriate consultation will be planned with schemes being implemented as soon as possible part of the 21 / 22 highways works programme.

#### **BIKEABILITY**

- This programme element will be delivered via liaison with schools and pick up those pupils who, due to the impact of C19, did not receive bikeability training at Year 6 as would normally be the case.
- The training will be delivered largely in the spring and summer terms.
- Training for less experienced, adult cyclists hoping to gain confidence with 1-2-1 sessions.
- A programme of 'Doctor Bike' bicycle maintenance sessions spring/summer 2021.

#### **ACTIVE TRAVEL PROGRAMME**

- Many suggestions for small scale walking and cycling improvements were sent to the Council during the bidding process for T1 and T2 of the ATF. Suggestions covered gap filling in existing provision, local footpath widening and new crossing points
- The TFG have considered those ideas and during January will review the relative priority of proposals using the same mechanism employed for School Gate Improvements. The Cabinet Member will be advised of a suggested priority programme in January.
- Once agreed appropriate consultation will be planned with schemes being implemented as soon as possible part of the 21 / 22 highways works programme.

#### **PROMOTION, MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

- A proportionate and robust methodology for monitoring and evaluation (following DfT guidance) will be established and agreed for each scheme and will be implemented as part of the scheme development. This will include suitable 'before' and 'after' data together with measures of success.
- The need to develop and deliver both an overall 'hearts and minds' active travel promotional package together with specific communication and engagement plans for each large scheme is central to the ATF. Work to develop both those associated with larger schemes is mentioned above. Work with colleagues in communications will commence in January to determine a broader package of promotion for active travel to be implemented during 21/22.

#### **WALKING AND CYCLING STRATEGY REVIEW TIMETABLE**

Key activities and timings are as follows:

- Review text and ambition vs Gear Change and LTN 1/20 – January 2021
- Produce and agree prioritisation approach for larger LCWIP schemes – January 2021
- Collate and assess LCWIP schemes via LCWIP partnership meetings, prioritise all LCWIP schemes February / March 2021.
- Draft amended text for consultation February / March 2021
- Issue revised WCS for public consultation April 2021 (assuming we are able to consult during this period) or defer until May 2021 – 4 – 6 week consultation period.
- Review consultation responses and report via scrutiny – June / July 2021
- Adopt revised plan – July / August 2021.