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SECTION 1 – SUMMARY

This information report is presented to members to up date them regarding progress on a number of traffic management projects, as follows:

- Kenton Lane – Local Safety Scheme
- Harrow on the Hill – 20 mph zone
- Stanmore CPZ - Wembley Event Day parking proposals
- Headstone Drive / Harrow View / Headstone Gardens - junction improvements
- Petts Hill Bridge
- Sustainable Transport Initiatives
- Bus Priority Schemes
- Cycle Programme 2007 / 08
- Camrose Avenue – Local safety scheme

FOR INFORMATION

SECTION 2 - REPORT

2.1 Kenton Lane – Local safety scheme.

- 2.1.1 A recommendation to proceed with the scheme and make the traffic regulation orders (TRO) is set out in a recent Portfolio Holder report for approval. The TRO's have been prepared and will be advertised on the 15th November inviting objections and/or representations for the statutory 21 days period. Subject to receiving any objections, a works instruction will be issued to implement the scheme.

The TRO's will be programmed to be made to coincide with the implementation of the works on site. The works are expected to take about 6 weeks and should be completed by the end of March 2008.

2.2 Harrow on the Hill – 20 mph zone proposals.

- 2.2.1 A detailed consultation exercise with the local community including residents, businesses and the schools is planned for November 2007. A public exhibition is scheduled to take place at the John Lyon School on Saturday 24th and Monday 26th November. Details of the draft consultation leaflet are shown in Appendix A for information.

Subject to the outcome of the consultation the scheme is scheduled to be implemented by the end of March 2008. Details of the results and the final design will be subject to Portfolio Holder approval.

2.3 Stanmore CPZ extension to deal with Wembley events parking.

- 2.3.1 A team has now been set up to project manage the scheme and the preliminary design and inventory surveys are currently underway. The detailed design is due to commence early in the New Year with consultation with the public planned in Spring 2008.
- 2.3.2 Final design of the scheme will depend on the outcome of the consultation and implementation is scheduled for summer 2008. Details of the results and the final design will be subject to Portfolio Holder approval.

2.4 Headstone Drive/Harrow View/Headstone Gardens - junction improvements

- 2.4.1 Following the information report to the last panel meeting on 25 September 2007 it has been confirmed that funding is available from the Cycling budget to combine the cycling and pedestrian crossing proposals at the junction.
- 2.4.2 AccordMP have been commissioned to prepare a revised layout incorporating both proposals and to review the signal modelling to deal

with the queuing concerns on Headstone Drive and address the effects of the layout changes.

- 2.4.3 The final signals details will need to be checked and approved by TfL's traffic signals unit. A request will be made via the Cycling budget manager for time to be allocated in the signals programme in the fourth quarter for this to be carried out. It does depend on a free time slot becoming available (e.g. as a result of another scheme elsewhere not going ahead) and cannot be guaranteed. Should this request be unsuccessful a programme slot will be sought in the first quarter of 2008/09. If the scheme proves to be viable funding will be sought for implementation in 08/09.

2.5 Petts Hill Bridge and Highway Improvements

- 2.5.1 Further to the progress report to the September meeting of the Panel, the tenders have now been received by Network Rail and are currently being evaluated by them. Initial indications, however, are that they are largely in line with Network Rail's previous estimate and therefore there is still likely to be a substantial funding shortfall. A meeting with Network Rail and other stakeholders is being arranged to discuss options to cover the funding shortfall and the Panel will be informed of the outcome in due course.

2.6 Bus Priority Schemes

Kings Road, South Harrow - Parking Lay-bys

Work is currently taking place to install parking lay-bys on Kings Road to remove pinch points. Some delays have occurred due to additional public utility works. Surfacing work is scheduled to finish before the end of January 2008 and some trees will be replanted around March 2008.. Traffic Orders for waiting restrictions will be advertised in the next few weeks.

Common Road Junction with High Road

This comprises a new left turn lane for northbound traffic approaching the junction of Common Road and The Common and the design has been completed and costed. Works are unlikely to start this financial year due to lack of capacity at TfL's traffic signals unit, but it is expected they will start in April 2008.

Shaftesbury Avenue, South Harrow

This involves improvements to an existing, under-performing footway parking/inset bay scheme on Route 140 between Shaftesbury Circle and Northolt Road. Consultation was completed in September 2007 and minor scheme changes were made following consultation results and

recommendations made in safety audits. Implementation is expected to take place in March 2007, subject to necessary approvals.

Cannon Lane j/w Whittington Way

This scheme is to introduce waiting restrictions and inset loading bays on Cannon Lane. Design and utilities enquiries completed and consultation results were generally positive. Following a public meeting, a pay & display option will not be taken forward and additional waiting restrictions will now be included along Cannon Lane at junctions nearby. Portfolio Holder approval will be sought in the near future, with implementation programmed to follow in January-March 2008

Honeypot Lane Bus Lane

This is a study to assess the introduction of a northbound bus lane on Honeypot Lane approaching the Charlton Road roundabout. Design is programmed for 2007/08 and funding for implementation will be requested as part of 2008/09 LIP bid.

Headstone Lane Bus Barrier

The scheme to remove the existing bus barrier and replace it with CCTV camera enforcement is now complete. The camera is now functional and enforcement is underway. 'Before' surveys have been carried out and post-implementation surveys will be carried out in January 2008 to measure changes in compliance.

Rayners Lane/Village Way East/Alexandra Avenue

This is a comprehensive Rayners Lane/Alexandra Avenue improvement scheme to reduce delays for buses and general traffic on Rayners Lane between Alexandra Avenue and Village Way East. Scheme design only programmed for 2007/08 and implementation is planned for 2008/09 subject to identifying a feasible solution.

2.7 Sustainable Transport Events

- 2.7.1 We have an active programme of travel awareness events funded by TfL and all councilors are informed of these through the "Good Going" newsletters that are prepared and sent out by Fuad Omar, the Travel Plan Officer. Following comments on the recent event at the Civic Centre, however, it has been agreed that in addition to the Good Going newsletter, the Portfolio Holder and all members of TARSAP will be notified of individual events nearer the time. It is expected that this will generally be 2 to 3 weeks beforehand and will hopefully give members more details and the opportunity to give their direct support if they wish. A verbal update of future events and the programme will be provided at the meeting.

2.8 LCN + Cycling Programme 2007/08

LCN+ represents a major investment by Transport for London to create a network of approximately 900km of high quality cycle routes by 2009/10. LCN+ is London's primary strategic cycle network on routes that have been identified as having the highest demand for cycling. When fully upgraded the network will provide safer and more comfortable conditions for cycling with improved journey times and clear links through junctions.

The cycle schemes in the 2007/08 programme are listed below:

- Link 87 Headstone Drive / Harrow View
- Link 87 Headstone Drive/ Princes Rd
- Link 87 Headstone Drive/ Cecil Road
- Link 87 Headstone Drive, Wealdstone High St, Canning Rd, George Gange Way, Peel Rd, Stuart Rd, Belmont Rd, Grasmere Gardens
- Link 88 Implementation of CRISP study recommendations
- Link 89 Greenford Rd Sudbury Hill / Harrow Rd
- Link 89 Roxborough Park junction
- Link 89 Greenhill Way access
- Link 89 Pinner Rd between Roxborough Park and North Harrow
- Link 87 Kenton Lane toucan crossing between Grasmere Gardens & Beverley Gardens
- Link 87 Wemborough Rd, Weston Dr, Whitchurch Lane
- Link 87 Station Rd, Pinner Rd, North Harrow
- Link 89 Kenton Rd / Watford Rd A404
- Link 87 Headstone Drive, Wealdstone High St, Canning Rd
- Link 87 Petts Hill Bridge –(unable to develop this scheme in 2007/08 funding allocation £250k)

A budget of £835k was secured from Transport for London (TfL) to develop the above schemes. Unfortunately due to the complexity of Petts Hill Bridge scheme, which is funded from various sources including cycling, the £250k allocation from the LCN+ budget will not be utilised this financial year. The total budget/funding allocation to design, consult and implement cycle schemes listed is therefore £585k.

The majority of the design work is currently underway. In some cases safety audit are still required. Members will be given the opportunity to comment on the individual proposals prior to proceeding with the public consultation.

2.9 Camrose Avenue – Local safety scheme

- 2.9.1 Camrose Avenue is in this year's Local Safety Schemes programme for implementation this financial year following a successful bid to Transport for London to address the high number of personal injury accidents along its length. Details of the 2007/08 programme were circulated to TARSAP members in June.

2.9.2 All the schemes in the Local Safety Schemes programme are localised measures and involve essential and necessary alterations to the highway network to improve the safety of all road users. The scheme development work is focussed on the analysis of personal injury road traffic accidents data supplied by the Metropolitan Police and detailed assessments of how accidents have occurred and the layout of the environment in which they take place.

2.9.3 Public consultation is currently underway. The proposals are shown in **Appendix C 1, 2, 3** and were sent to local ward members for comment prior to distribution and are currently on display on the Middlesex floor. The public consultation ends on the 10th December 2007. It is anticipated that subject to the outcome of the public consultation the scheme will be implemented this financial year 2007/08

SECTION 3 – FURTHER INFORMATION

Appendix A - Harrow on the Hill 20 mph zone consultation leaflet.

Appendix B - LCN+ Network

Appendix C 1,2,3 - Camrose Avenue – local safety scheme

SECTION 4 - CONTACT DETAILS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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Background Papers:

LSS Annual report 2007/ 08

Event Day Parking – Wembley National Stadium and London 2012 Olympic games – feasibility report