

Briefing note

Update Report for SusCom Meeting - 18th September 2014

Rapid Charging Points

Installation programme is progressing, with 5 sites installed and 2 to follow. Some snagging problems at 2 sites are being resolved.

Cycling Ambition Fund

Construction work is close to completion on the Hambrook Crossroads scheme, with the M32 J1 toucan crossing programmed for construction later in 2014/15.

Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF)

This programme will now continue to March 2016, with work underway to manage the transition into 2015/16 from the current LSTF programme. Resource will remain available for working with businesses to promote and support sustainable travel.

Local Growth Fund (LGF)

Following previous funding announcements, SGC is now working with other West of England partners to prepare funding bids for the Local Growth Fund for 2016/17.

Cycle Forum

The South Glos Cycle Forum was held on 31st July. The next meeting will be scheduled for late October.

MetroBus - North Fringe to Hengrove Package (NFHP) Major Schemes

Planning approval has been granted from SGC and BCC for the NFHP scheme.

A CPO Inquiry is scheduled for mid-October, but negotiations are continuing with the outstanding objectors and the Inquiry might not be needed.

The programme is to submit the Full Business Case to the DfT by the end of October with the aim of securing the final funding approval by March 2015.

The related Ashton Vale to Temple Meads MetroBus scheme has been granted £34 million by the DfT.

M5 Junctions 16 & 17 - Pinch Point Project

Work on the Junction 16 improvement is likely to commence at the end of September, with the order of construction being:

- Phase One - widen the circulatory carriageway on the northern half of the roundabout (SGC)
- Phase Two - widen the M5 Northbound off-slip to three lanes and upgrade the signals to toucan control (HA)
- Phase Three - widen the A38 northern approach (from Thornbury) to four lanes (SGC)

There may be overlap between these phases, and work is predominantly to be carried out at night-time to minimise disruption.

The scheme will include a review of the signal timings - concerns have been raised recently about these by Aztec West and other members of the public.

Completion date is scheduled to be March 2015.

A38 / A4174 Filton Roundabout

The design of this scheme remains under review.

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