

Agenda Item 5: Local Authority Large Major Schemes

Context

- Local Authority Large Major Schemes – forms part of the wider £12bn Local Growth Fund
- Funding announced of £475m, but with some £150m already allocated to two large scale schemes in the East of England
- Last Strategic Transport Forum agreed to:
 - Collate a list of potential schemes suitable for ‘large majors’
 - Prepare an initial programme of investment and identify those schemes that, from a Strategic Alliance perspective, should be prioritised

Overview of Proposed Large Majors - 1

Scheme	Promoter	Cost	Timing	Notes
London Road, Bicester	Oxfordshire County Council	£27-£45m	Completion by Mar '21	Removes level crossing on Oxford – Bletchley line (East-West Rail)
Access to Culham	Oxfordshire County Council	£68-£75m	Completion by 2021	Improved access to Culham Science Centre
Science Bridge, Didcot	Oxfordshire County Council	£47m	Completion by 2022	Provides access to former Didcot Power Station site – for regeneration
A40 Witney – Eynsham Dualling	Oxfordshire County Council	£71m	Completion by 2023	Linked with improved east-west connectivity plus improved access to Oxford area
Botley Road Corridor and Bridge Replacement	Oxford City Council	£54m	Completion by 2020	Improves access into Oxford from the west – provides improved access to regeneration opportunities in the City
Northern Orbital Route Northampton	Northamptonshire County Council	£3.8m develop £41m delivery	17/18 – 21/22 Post 2022	Completes northern Ring Road enabling 10,000 homes and 10 ha of employment

Overview of Proposed Large Majors - 2

Scheme	Promoter	Cost	Timing	Notes
North East Link Road Aylesbury	Buckinghamshire County Council	£25m	Completion by 2021	Improved east-west connectivity, as well supporting planned growth in Aylesbury (50% of Local Plan)
Junction 14 Improvement M1	Milton Keynes Council	£75m		Improved east-west connectivity as well as supporting housing growth
Luton Airport Mass Passenger Transit Scheme	Luton Borough Council	£180-£200m	Completion by 2021	Improved access to international gateway , and nearby Enterprise Zone
A505 Royston to A11 Granta Park Strategic Transport Corridor Study	Cambridgeshire County Council	£750k	17/18 – 18/19	Improved east-west connectivity
A15 Dualling	Peterborough City Council			Improved connectivity, that complements improvement works associated with East Coast Main Line

Commentary

- The response from Strategic Alliance partners reflects the critical importance of infrastructure in supporting growth (both employment and housing)
- The emerging overarching Transport Strategy identifies the need for:
 - **Improved physical connectivity between larger urban centres, with a particular emphasis on east-west connectivity**
 - **Improved access into and within larger urban centres that is consistent with the place shaping agenda**
 - **A transport system that supports economic initiatives and potential in adjoining sub-national areas, including improved access to Enterprise Zones**
- Whilst work on the Transport Strategy is on-going it is clear that all of the schemes put forward would reasonably be expected to be identified as priorities for England's Economic Heartland
- Response to the call for proposals highlights the critical importance of an overarching Transport Strategy, simplifying funding streams and having an overarching funding envelope within which to prioritise and programme investment
- Reinforces the need to establish a statutory Sub-national Transport Body for the Heartland area