

Area North Committee – 28 May 2014

9. County Highway Authority Report – Area North

Lead Officer: Neil McWilliams, Assistant Highway Service Manager, SCC
Contact Details: countyroads-southsom@somerset.gov.uk or 0845 345 9155

Purpose of the Report

The Report is to inform members of the work carried out by the County Highway Authority since November 2013 and the proposed work programme for the year 2014/2015.

Recommendation

That members note the report.

Introduction

As you are no doubt aware, the prolonged wet weather has caused considerable distress and damage with the full cost of this damage being unknown at present. Therefore I only aim to give a brief report of the proposed works programme for 2014/2015.

Surface Dressing

Surface Dressing is the practice of applying a bitumen tack coat to the existing road surface and then rolling in stone chippings. Whilst this practice is not the most PR friendly, it is highly effective in preserving the integrity of the road surface. This year we are Surface Dressing 79 sites across South Somerset, most of these are C and D class roads, with a likely start date of early May.

Grass Cutting

Grass cutting is a difficult task to carry out to the satisfaction of all. The highway network exceeds 3500km in length; therefore the size of the task is significant. Verge cutting of main A and B roads will commence in early May followed by the C and D roads and then a further cut of the A and B roads.

B3168 Beacon, Ilminster

New Road was closed in mid-February due to large cracks appearing and differential settlement across the full width of the carriageway. This was caused by the underlying movement of Lias Strata. Cracks in the road have now been sealed to stop ingress of water and a full CCTV survey of the drainage system completed. Contractors will shortly undertake Stage1 investigation and option study. Design and Construction will follow Stage 1. It is likely that the road will remain closed for up to 9 months.

Structural Maintenance Schemes Proposed for 2014/15

This year's structural maintenance budget remains similar to last year. Schemes proposed in Area North are listed below;

Langport	Garden City	Surfacing
Barrington	Whitefield Lane	Surfacing
Somerton	Catsgore	Surfacing
Somerton	Horsemill Lane	Surfacing
Somerton	Kirkham Street	Surfacing
Martock	Foldhill Lane	Drainage
Ash	Milton	Drainage
Yeovil Marsh	Yeovil Marsh Road	Drainage
Ash	Middle Leaze Drove	Drainage
Pitney	Church Hill	Drainage
Barrington	Main Street & Denmans Lane	Drainage

DFT Schemes Proposed for 2014/15

This remainder of our DFT grant, which was to be spent over a two year rolling programme, has been allocated to several schemes in Area North. Schemes proposed listed below;

Most potholed roads and flooded/flood damaged roads;

Kingsbury Episcopi	Irondish Lane	Resurfacing
Kingsbury Episcopi	West Lane	Resurfacing
Kingsbury Episcopi	Pulpits Drove	Resurfacing
Langport	Bow Street & North Street	Resurfacing
Chilthorne Domer	A37 Ilchester Straight	Resurfacing
Ilton	Cad Green	Drainage
Puckington	B3168 Puckington Road	Drainage
Fivehead	Lower Swell	Drainage
Kingsbury Episcopi	West Lambrook Road	Drainage
Hambridge	Hundry Lane	Drainage
Montacute	Balls Hill/Lower Town	Drainage

Neil McWilliams

Assistant Highway Service Manager
Somerset County Council
South Somerset Area Highway Office