

Area West Committee – 16th July 2014

9. County Highway Authority Report

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Purpose of the Report

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.

Recommendation

That members note the report.

Report

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.

Schemes Proposed for 2014/15

This year's structural maintenance budget remains similar to last year therefore the list remains as short as previous years. Schemes proposed in Area West are listed below:

Donyatt	A358 Peasmarsh	Drainage
Tatworth and Forton	Forton Road/ Blacklands Lane	Drainage
Chaffcombe	Summer Lane	Drainage
Tatworth and Forton	Bounds Lane	Earthworks
Iminster	Blackdown View	Footway
Iminster	High Street/ Butts	Footway
Iminster	Listers Hill	Resurfacing
Chard	Millfield	Resurfacing
Merriott	Moorlands Road	Reconstruction
Ashill	Old A358	Resurfacing
Combe St Nicholas	Scrapton Lane	Resurfacing
Crewkerne	Severalls Park Avenue	Resurfacing

Background Papers: None
