

**Melksham Community Area Transport Group, 27 June 2011:
Recommendations to Melksham Area Board, 14 July 2011**

Budget for minor highways capital works

Discretionary highways budget 2011/12 – including roll over from 2010/12 is **£26,450**. This can be topped up by the Area Board, town/ parish councils and others. NB. There will be no roll over to 2012/13 at the end of this financial year.

Updates on Priorities agreed by Melksham CATG, 2010:

- i. A365 Bath Rd, Melksham - pedestrian crossing (refuge) - Metro count data now collected. Waiting for pedestrian count data.
- ii. Queensway - pedestrian crossing (zebra) - Report completed. Recommends a zebra crossing at total cost of £20,900. Approaching town council for any contribution. **CATG RECOMMEND to AREA BOARD to approve funding (up to £20,900) subject to MTC contribution.**
- iii. A365 Bath Rd, Atworth – completion of pedestrian crossing facility - Construction substantially complete. One small patch of high grit to finish.
- iv. Whitley - footway improvements - Preliminary designs for 5 sections of footway were looked at, ranging from £2000 - £13,000 depending on length and materials used. Officer recommendation is to prioritise funding for standard footway at location 2 (£8923.36). MWPC think location 1 is more important. Will contribute £1000 towards this section which has total cost of £7500. **RECOMMEND to AREA BOARD to approve funding for section 1 (£6500).**
- v. A3102 Sandridge Rd, Nr Queensway – pedestrian crossing facility - Relative scoring carried out, rated high with 44 points suggesting this should be a priority. Pedestrian and metro counts ordered. Potentially a zebra crossing but worried about high speeds off peak which may need a signalled crossing. This crossing is also likely to need upgraded lighting - increasing the costs and may cause objections from local houses. CATG will look at this issue again in October once the data is available.

Summary of other significant matters

Bridge at Bollands Hill, Seend – Following the inquest into last year's fatal road collision at this location, the coroner made a number of recommendations for highway improvements. The council has carefully considered these recommendations and has written to the coroner to inform of the improvements to be implemented. We will introduce solid edge lines over the bridge to provide a visual narrowing, which encourages greater caution, and some signing changes which we believe will help driver's awareness of the bend to the north of the bridge will also be put in place. This includes a revised chevron board which can be seen on approach to the bridge. Rumble strips were also considered on the north bound approach, however, because of the noise they produce and the close proximity of local residential properties, these will not be installed at this time. Wiltshire Council anticipate the measures will be installed before the end of August 2011.

Abbi Gutierrez, Community Area Manager, June 2011