

UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1. To provide an update on schemes currently being considered by the Community Area Transport Group (CATG), and new policies and processes which apply to the group.

2. Background

2.1. The CATG last met on the 6th September, and discussed a number of ongoing and new projects, and considered a number of new initiatives and policies.

3. Main Update

3.1. The minutes of the September meeting are attached.

3.2. One of the Transport Group's sub groups is the Speeding Group. An update from that sub group is attached at appendix 1 for the board to consider. In considering this report and suggestion that Wiltshire Council look at funding intelligent Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs), the board is asked to note that the Council is currently reviewing its policy on SIDs.

3.3. The following schemes were discussed and put forward for the board's approval:

Shrewton, Tanners Lane to Bridge Garage : pavement request	The board agreed £2,000 for these works in July 2013. This is update the board that the scheme will not include a coloured footway, due to the current degraded nature of the route. For the time being, works will include a repositioning of the sign and the painting of white lines. The group requested that this route be listed on the appropriate highways works list for future resurfacing so as to ensure that when it was resurfaced, the red surface would be incorporated.	£0
Gomeldon Primary School – Highway	The school is looking to introduce a number of measures to improve safety for its pupils during the	£1k

Safety measures	school run. The school has an up to date travel plan and is taking advice from officers as to the most appropriate measures. The board is asked to agree in principle to contribute to the costs of these measures, pending a full report on the implications and costings	
Bulford – various crossing sites of concern	The board is asked to allocate funds for pedestrian counts to be undertaken to assess how the sites of concern can be improved	£1k
Solstice Park, Porton Road, Amesbury – Provision of a Toucan Crossing	That the position of the crossing be between locations 2 and 3 (see attached report and plan – appendix 2)	£0

3.4. It is also important to highlight that CATGs are now requested to work to a number of new and revised policies, including:

- (a) the prioritising and funding of the reviews/implementation of C and UC road reviews. The Amesbury CATG budget has increased by £7,500 to account for this
- (b) the determination (subject to officer advice) of where minor signs and road markings should be removed and where new ones should be placed. The costs of such decisions will not be deducted from CATG budgets
- (c) the prioritising of requests for 20mph speed limits and zones (not part-time restrictions including those outside schools). The cost of implementing new limits or zones will fall to the CATG, but Traffic Regulation Orders associated with this process will be funded centrally

4. Recommendations

- (a) To wait for the outcome of Wiltshire Council’s review of its use of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs), before considering the Speeding Group’s suggestion that funding be prioritised for “intelligent SIDs”
- (b) To agree support and (where appropriate) funding for the schemes listed in paragraph 3.3 above.
- (c) To note the new policies and processes for which the CATG is now responsible, as in paragraph 3.4 above.

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Speeding Group Update

The Speeding Group trial in Larkhill proved that changes in speed restrictions, signage (drive slowly children crossing), 20MPH Zones, Zebra Zebrite lighting, Gateways and publicity have proved to have minimal effect on overall speeds.

What did work were the custom intelligent roadside SIDs that provide visible indication to drivers to slow down. When these were combined with a speed-watch team and the Police in attendance, or at least visible, the results were outstanding.

We ask the CATG and the Area Board to support our request that Wiltshire Council look at using monies that were allocated for reducing speed limits for purchasing intelligent SIDs.

The SIDs give you output of how many vehicles passed and their initial approach and final pass speeds.

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