

AGENDA

MAIDSTONE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD MEETING



Date: Wednesday 15 April 2009

Time: 5.00 pm

Venue: Town Hall, High Street,
Maidstone

Membership:

Councillors Mrs Blackmore, English, Hinder,
Marchant, Parr, Mrs Parvin, Robertson,
Ross, J.A. Wilson, Hotson (Chairman),
Carter, Chell, Chittenden, Curwood,
Daley, Mrs Stockell and Wood

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MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MAIDSTONE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY 2009**

PRESENT: **Maidstone Borough Council**

**Councillors English, Hinder, Marchant, Parr,
Robertson, J.A. Wilson and Horne**

Kent County Council

**County Councillors Hotson (Chairman),
Chittenden, Curwood, Daley and Mrs Stockell**

ALSO PRESENT: **Councillors Ash, Nelson-Gracie and Paine**

32. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors Mrs Blackmore, Carter and Chell.

33. **NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

The following substitution was noted:-

Councillor Horne for Councillor Mrs Blackmore

34. **NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS**

Councillor Ash indicated his wish to speak on Item 8. Councillor Nelson-Gracie indicated his wish to speak on Item 13 and Councillor Paine indicated his wish to speak on Item 11.

35. **DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

There were no disclosures.

36. **DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING**

Councillors Hinder, Hotson, Robertson and Wilson declared they had been lobbied on Item 14.

37. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2008

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed.

38. QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Councillor Geraldine Brown, Chairman of Yalding Parish Council, addressed the Board regarding the Report of the Head of Transport and Development, Kent County Council – Heavy Goods Vehicle Issues and, in particular, the Survey carried out by the Freight Transport Association (“FTA”). Councillor Brown requested that the Committee not pursue the recommendations in the FTA Survey regarding a one-way system and traffic lights on Town Bridge as Councillor Brown felt this would cause severe congestion. Councillor Brown suggested that the Countywide Freight Strategy for Kent be split into sections/groups of County, Borough and Parishes.

Councillor Roger Levett of Teston Parish Council addressed the Board regarding Teston Bridge and the A26 between Maidstone and Watlingbury. Councillor Levett reminded the Board that the issue of wide lorries crossing Teston Bridge had still not been looked at despite repeated requests. Councillor Levett also requested that consideration be given to reducing the A26 to a B road.

Mr McDonald addressed the Board regarding the Reference from Maidstone Borough Council on the Fant Traffic Campaign. Mr McDonald is very keen to see traffic calming solutions and improvements to 4 roads – Bower Place, Upper Fant Road, Gatland Lane and Glebe Lane. He felt that a 20mph limit would be a good starting point.

39. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF TRANSPORT AND DEVELOPMENT, KENT HIGHWAY SERVICES - INTEGRATED TRANSPORT PROGRAMME FOR MAIDSTONE 2009/10 AND BEYOND

The Board considered the Report of the Head of Transport and Development, Kent County Council, regarding the Integrated Transport Programme for Maidstone 2009/10 and beyond. The Board Members were asked to let KCC Highways know of any scheme that they wished to be considered for 2010/11 and onwards.

Members raised various queries with regard to proposed schemes in their areas. Mr Corcoran informed the Board that the proposed schemes would have stemmed from issues that the local community or Parish Council had raised with them. Any scheme that is not successful in 2009/10 will be carried forward to the next year. When a scheme is successful, KCC Highways will consult again with the local community, Parish Councils and local Members to design a detailed scheme.

Members raised concerns that many of the schemes that have achieved a low score by Pipkin will never materialise, even though they are of great

importance to the local community. Members felt it was important that other funding streams should be looked at for these smaller schemes, some perhaps could be funded from Borough or County Members' devolved budgets.

RESOLVED:

1. That Members of the Board put their own formal concerns to the Highways Advisory Board about the proposed schemes in their areas.
2. That KCC Highways Officers consult with local Members regarding the smaller schemes and help with some design work to give Members the opportunity to bid for other funding streams.
3. That consideration be given to splitting strategic schemes and local schemes in the new system that replaces Pipkin.

40. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF COUNTYWIDE IMPROVEMENTS - KCC INTEGRATED TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES 2008/09

The Board considered the Report of the Head of Countywide Improvements – KCC Integrated Transport Improvement Schemes 2008/09. The Board were informed that work is currently taking place to extend to two lanes in both directions on the A20 London Road and Cold Harbour roundabout.

Mr Burton informed the Board that the design work for the Bridge Gyrotory is continuing, but a problem has arisen and will delay the design work.

Mr Burton also confirmed he was aware of the problem with the signs following the work at Bredhurst and that they are looking at ways to solve this.

RESOLVED: That the Report be noted.

41. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF TRANSPORT AND DEVELOPMENT, KENT HIGHWAY SERVICES - UPDATE ON PETITIONS SUBMITTED TO KENT HIGHWAY SERVICES

The Board considered the Report of the Head of Transport and Development, Kent Highway Services – Update on Petitions submitted to Kent Highway Services.

The Board were informed that Kent Highway Services had received the petition with regard to the Fant Traffic Campaign and that design work had started and consultation will take place on the scheme in due course.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Report be noted.

2. That a copy of the Officer's report on Pheasant Lane be sent to Councillor Chittenden.
3. That Kent Highways officers consult with Councillor Curwood and the local Borough Council Members on their plans for the Fant area traffic scheme before going out to full consultation.

42. REFERENCE FROM MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL - FANT TRAFFIC CAMPAIGN

The Board considered the reference from Council regarding the petition received on the Fant Traffic Campaign.

RESOLVED: That it was noted the Kent Highways Services had received the petition and that design work had started on a scheme and that consultation will take place in due course.

43. REPORT OF THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF KENT HIGHWAY SERVICES - PARISH PORTAL UPDATE

The Board considered the Report of the Interim Director of Kent Highway Services regarding an update on the Parish Portal.

The Board were asked to encourage their Parish Councils to nominate someone to attend the Roadshows to ensure that all parishes understood what was trying to be achieved.

Mr Moreton extended an invitation to all Borough Council Members and Members of the Board to attend his office so they can view the Parish Portal.

In response to a question, Mr Moreton confirmed that only County Councillors could access the portal at present. He was aware that there will be a need for Borough Council Members to be able to access the Portal and he would look into how this could be achieved.

RESOLVED: That the Report be noted.

44. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF TRANSPORT AND DEVELOPMENT, KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - HEAVY GOODS VEHICLE ISSUES

The Board considered the Report of the Head of Transport and Development regarding Heavy Goods Vehicle Issues that had been raised at previous meetings of the Joint Transportation Board.

Members expressed their disappointment at the findings of the survey by the Freight Transport Association "FTA" and that the Countywide Freight Strategy, which was due to be published by the end of this financial year, is now to be subsumed into the wider Transport Strategy for Kent. The

planned publication date of this document is not yet known. Members felt the Survey should have been carried out in term time and business time.

Members felt very strongly that all the historic bridges in the Borough are suffering greatly from usage by HGVs and this needed urgent attention. Members are aware that this is an exceptionally complex issue and therefore more information on the problem is required by conducting an origin and destination (O&D) survey to help find a solution to the problem.

All Members of the Board were extremely concerned that the Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste had rejected the request to carry out O&D surveys in Yalding.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste be strongly recommended to re-consider his decision and that he does now engage the proper consultants to do a thorough Origin and Destination Survey in Yalding during term time and business time.
2. That English Heritage be consulted with regard to the problem of HGVs and the damage they are causing to the historic bridges in the Borough of Maidstone.

45. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF TRANSPORT AND DEVELOPMENT, KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - MAIDSTONE COMMUTER COACH SERVICES

The Board considered the Report of the Head of Transport and Development, Kent County Council regarding the issues arising from the decision of New Enterprise Coaches to withdraw their Maidstone-London commuter coach services and their partial replacement by new services provided by Chalkwell Coaches.

RESOLVED: That the Report be noted.

46. REPORT OF THE COUNTRY PARKS AREA MANAGER, KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - APPLICATION FOR ROAD TRAFFIC ORDER AT TESTON BRIDGE PICNIC SITE

The Board considered the Report of the Country Parks Area Manager regarding the objection received to the application by KCC to implement a road traffic order at Teston Bridge Country Park.

Members raised some concern that the income from the pay and display machines would not cover the cost of policing the car park.

RESOLVED:

1. That the receipt of a formal objection to the road traffic order at Teston Bridge Country Park be acknowledged.

2. That the Road Traffic Order at Teston Bridge Country Park be approved.
3. That the Country Parks Area Manager reports back to the Board in one year's time regarding the financial implications of the road traffic order.

47. ORAL UPDATE OF THE PARKING SERVICES MANAGER, MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Mr Reynolds updated the Board on previous proposals put forward.

Variation 1 of the Parking Places Order – the order came into operation on 28 November 2008 which included the implementation of restrictions including - new designated motorcycle parking in County Road, corner protection at the Wheeler Street/Union Street junction, restrictions on Old Chatham Road and residents bays in Church Road.

The verge parking order in Parkwood has now been implemented. It has been very successful and the Council have been lobbied to increase the restrictions and to introduce them in other areas.

Variation 2 of the Parking Places Order – changes to Earl Street – informal and formal consultations have taken place and no objections have been received. The 'has made' order is due to be signed and an operational date will be agreed as soon as possible. The changes in Earl Street include a reduction of taxi ranks, slight increase in disabled parking and a further loading bay.

Parking Services are currently out to consultation on the Managing Parking Demand scheme in the Town. A meeting of the JTB has been arranged for 24 February 2009 in order to consider the results of the consultation in full.

Councillor Chittenden thanked Officers for the implementation of the motorcycle parking in County Road and stated that this had made a good improvement in the area.

Councillor Robertson commented that he was pleased that the further loading bay had helped with the congestion in Earl Street but there was still a problem with vehicles doing 3 point turns.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

48. DURATION OF MEETING

5.00 - 7.40 pm.

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MAIDSTONE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2009

PRESENT: **Maidstone Borough Council**

**Councillors Mrs Blackmore, English, Hinder,
Marchant, Parr, Mrs Parvin, Ross, J.A. Wilson
and Mrs Wilson**

Kent County Council

**County Councillors Hotson (Chairman),
Chittenden, Curwood, Daley and Mrs Stockell**

ALSO PRESENT: **Councillors Ash, FitzGerald, Warner, Ash,
Mortimer, Paterson and Yates**

48. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Carter.

49. NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

The following substitution was noted:-

Councillor Mrs Wilson for Councillor Robertson

50. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

Councillors FitzGerald, Mortimer, Paterson and Warner indicated their wish to speak on Item 9 – Managing On and Off Street Parking Demand.

51. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures.

52. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

Councillors Chittenden, Curwood, Daley, English, Marchant, Parr, Ross and Wilson indicated they had been lobbied on Item 9 – Managing On and Off Street Parking Demand.

53. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 JANUARY 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2009 were agreed, subject to the following amendments:-

Item 9 – The EDF sub-station is the cause of the problem regarding the Bridge Gyrotory design work.

Item 9 – Yeoman Lane consultation – Members asked for further consultation with adjacent villages.

54. PETITIONS

Mr David Pickett presented a petition confirming strong opposition to Conservative proposals to impose charges for the first residents parking permit and to impose Sunday parking charges in the town centre, and called for these plans to be dropped.

55. QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs Bulchin, Mr Preston, Mr Savage, Mr Webb, Mr White, Mrs Perkins, Mr Rowell, Mr Grabham and Mr White, on behalf of the Federation of Small Businesses, all addressed the Board and objected to the proposals in Item 9 – Managing On and Off Street Parking Demand.

56. MANAGING ON AND OFF STREET PARKING DEMAND

The Board considered the Report of the Parking Services Manager regarding objections to traffic orders in relation to managing on and off street parking demand. Members also took into consideration the petition received and the comments made by members of the public who had spoken earlier.

Some Members raised various issues with regard to the Report of the Parking Services Manager. They felt that there was not enough evidence to support the reduction in wait time and that this reduction would have a significant impact on residents' visitors, tradesmen, carers, local businesses etc.

Some Members felt that introducing a charge for parking permits in this time of economic downturn was not acceptable and that there should be no charge for the first permit.

It was noted that the Strategic Plan currently in the process of being produced will have, for the first time, a parking plan.

RESOLVED: That the Cabinet Member for Environment be recommended to take no action on the Report of the Parking Services Manager.

57. DURATION OF MEETING

5.00 - 7.22 pm

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD

15 APRIL 2009

REPORT OF HEAD OF COUNTYWIDE IMPROVEMENTS

Report prepared by Andrew Burton, KCC Highway Schemes Manager

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES 2009-10

1.1 For Information

1.1.1 Appendix A to this report updates Members on the integrated transport improvement schemes that form part of this year's capital programme for Kent County Council.

1.2 Background Documents

1.2.1 Item 11, Kent County Council Highways Advisory Board, 8 May 2008, "Transportation and Safety Package Programme 2008-09"

1.2.2 Item 7, Kent County Council Highways Advisory Board, 3 March 2009, "Transportation and Safety Package Programme 2009-10"

1.2.3 Item 8, Maidstone Joint Transportation Board, 28 January 2009, "Integrated Transport Plan for Maidstone 2009-10 and Beyond"

2 Discussion

2.1 Appendix A to this report details the progress of each scheme, including previous years' schemes that were not completed by April 2009. Progress to date is summarised and anticipated progress prior to the next Joint Board is detailed. New schemes that are being funded as part of the 2009-10 capital programme are also described.

3. For completeness, Appendix A also summarises other planned significant transport improvement schemes within the Borough that are either not funded by KCC or are funded by KCC from a budget other than the Local Transport Plan

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Is this a Key Decision? Yes No

If yes, when did it appear in the Forward Plan? _____

Is this an Urgent Key Decision? Yes No

Reason for Urgency

[State why the decision is urgent and cannot wait until the next issue of the forward plan.]

MAIDSTONE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD – 15 April 2009

APPENDIX A. Integrated Transport Improvement Schemes for Maidstone Borough (page 1 of 2)

KHS Ref	Location	Description of Works	Current Progress	Anticipated Actions for next 3 months (Prior to next JTB)	Budget 2008 - 09	Out-turn 2008-09	Budget 2009 - 10	Kent Highway Services Contact 08458 247800
SEM SL	South East Maidstone Strategic Link	Proposed Leeds & Langley bypass	KCC and MBC have agreed to jointly fund scoping work as part of the Local Development Framework (LDF)	Progress towards input to MBC's LDF		£150K		John Farmer
MG74 10 ML	Traffic calming Coxheath -	06/07 scheme: Speed management measures including physical measures to slow vehicular traffic	Original works completed, but review underway following public dissatisfaction with scheme's performance.	Review to be completed and action agreed in consultation with local Members. Detailed report to be made to next meeting of this Board	£25k	£50K	tba	Andy Corcoran
MG74 40 ML	Boxley Road – Maidstone	06/07 scheme: Signing scheme to improve information for drivers.	Signs were due to be installed early April 2009	None; this scheme will be no longer reported to this Board	£5k	£1K	£7K	Julie Emmett
MG74 43ML	Maidstone Bridge Gyratory	New road layout and conversion to two-way traffic at the junction of Fairmeadow / High Street / Bishops Way / Tonbridge Road and St Peter's Street	With a forecast cost of £3.5-£4million, public funding of this proposal is unlikely as a stand-alone scheme	Concept design work will continue in conjunction with MBC's wider town-centre transport development issues	£50K	£21K	tba	John Farmer
08-ITS-MA-12	Urban Traffic Management & Control Maidstone	Improvements to the operational efficiency of traffic signals and remote traffic management in Maidstone	Traffic flow monitoring sites and ANPR equipment installed. Monthly journey times now being reported.	Final VMS signs to be installed. ; this scheme will be no longer reported to this Board	£500K	Tba	Tba	Toby Butler / Sue Westwood
08-ITS-MA-13	Refurbishment of Chequers Bus Station, Maidstone	KCC contribution to the improvements being carried out as part of a Section 106 Agreement for the expansion of the Chequers Centre	Works expected to be completed by mid April 09.	None; this scheme will be no longer reported to this Board	£50K	£50k	£0	Clare Easson
MY82 94ML	Tonbridge Road – Barming	07/08 carry-over scheme: Re-location and improvement of existing zebra crossing on A26.	Scheme is complete	None; this scheme will be no longer reported to this Board	£25k	£40K	£0	Darren Hickman

MAIDSTONE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD – 15 April 2009

APPENDIX A. Integrated Transport Improvement Schemes for Maidstone Borough (page 2 of 2)

KHS Ref	Location	Description of Works	Current Progress	Anticipated Actions for next 3 months (Prior to next JTB)	Budget 2008 - 09	Out-turn 2008-09	Budget 2009 - 10	Kent Highway Services Contact 08458 247800
MG87 06 ML	East Farleigh	07/08 scheme: Safer Routes to School installation of dropped kerbs on key pedestrian routes.	Scheme is complete	None; this scheme will be no longer reported to this Board	£10k	£12K	£0	Darren Hickman
MY96 05/1TD	Postley Rd – Maidstone	2008-09 Scheme: Cycle Lane	Scheme is complete	None; this scheme will be no longer reported to this Board	£12k	£12K	£0	Julian Cook
MY96 05/2 TD	New Cut Rd – Maidstone	2008-09 Scheme: Upgrading of existing pelican crossing to Toucan crossing	Scheme review has revealed technical issue delaying its delivery until Autumn 2009	Scheme to be redesigned	£8k	£1K	£8K	Julian Cook
MY96 07TD	Traffic calming Bredhurst	Traffic calming scheme featuring speed cushions; reduction in speed limit to 20mph, installation of a new zebra crossing near the School	Scheme is complete	None; this scheme will be no longer reported to this Board	£75k	£175K	£0	Julian Cook
MY96 09TD	Headcorn Rd – Staplehurst	Enhanced signing & lining improvements nr the 'Staplehurst Bends'.	Scheme is complete	None; this scheme will be no longer reported to this Board	£24k	£21K	£0	Andrew Burton
MY96 10TD	Maidstone Road – Lenham	Provision of a new footway, western end of village.	Scheme is complete	None; this scheme will be no longer reported to this Board	£27k	£26K	£0	Darren Hickman
MY 06 07TD	Ware Street, Bearstead	Zebra crossing west of railway bridge	New scheme for 2009-10	Consultation to be carried out	n/a	n/a	£25K	Ben Hilden
MY 06 06TD	Fant	Traffic calming	New scheme for 2009-10	Consultation to be carried out	n/a	n/a	£85K	Ben Hilden
MY 06 02TD	Town Centre Maidstone	Cycle Improvements	New scheme for 2009-10	Consultation to be carried out	n/a	n/a	£30	Julie Emmett
MY 06 04TD	Quality Bus Partnership - Maidstone	Scheme deferred from 2008/09: Upgrade existing bus corridors in Shepway estate	Scoping of design & consultation with bus companies complete	Commence detailed design	£100K	£0	£100K	Andy Padgham

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Integrated Transport Programme for Maidstone 2009/10 and beyond

A report by the Head of Transport & Development to the Joint Transportation Board

2009/10 Programme

1. At previous meetings of this Board a list of bids for Integrated Transport schemes in Maidstone which had undergone an assessment for inclusion in the 2009/10 Integrated Transport Programme for Kent was reported.
2. The report in Appendix A details the county wide Integrated Transport programme for 2009/10 which was presented to the Highways Advisory Board on 3rd March 2009. The approved programme for Maidstone is shown in the Appendix of that report and in Appendix B of this report.

2010/11 Programme

3. At the last meeting of this board Members were asked to submit new schemes for assessment for inclusion in future Integrated Transport Programmes. The schemes listed in Appendix C are those that have recently been assessed for inclusion in the 2010/11 programme using the new Scheme Prioritisation System that has replaced PIPKIN following consultation with and approval of the Cabinet Member for Highways.
4. The new Scheme Prioritisation System has been developed to enable officers to assess every scheme proposed and compare these to other schemes as to how they contribute to national, regional and local transport targets. The score achieved by a scheme shows the contribution the scheme makes to these targets with the highest scoring schemes contributing most to the targets and acts as a guide for officers and Members in deciding which schemes should be funded and constructed.
5. The Scheme Prioritisation System is based around the four shared transport priorities recommended by the Local Government Association in 2005 of tackling congestion, improving accessibility, increasing road safety and improving air quality. Each scheme is attributed a score based on how it meets with these targets. Scheme Prioritisation System puts more emphasis on road safety schemes and gives the Joint Transportation Boards the opportunity to allocate its top eight priority schemes bonus points.
6. A more detailed report with guidance on the Scheme Prioritisation System and information on all schemes submitted as bids across the county will be brought to the next meeting of this board requesting Members to agree their top priority schemes and allocate bonus points to these schemes. Appendix C details the schemes that have been submitted for bids in Maidstone for 2010/11 with the provisional scores which will be subject to change at the next meeting of this Board once the Board has allocated its bonus points.

2011/12 Programme

7. Appendix D outlines schemes that due to various reasons such as the complexity of delivery especially those requiring consultation and legal agreements such as land acquisitions or Traffic Regulation Orders could not be bid for in 2010/11 and are being investigated for potential bids in 2011/12.

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8. Appendix E lists schemes that have previously been reported to this board that have been considered for bidding however, are not currently being submitted for bids due to the reasons set out in the Appendix.
 9. Further details of all the schemes listed in the Appendices and the Scheme Prioritisation System can be obtained on request from Andrew Corcoran Transportation & Development Manager for Maidstone & Tonbridge & Malling.
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Accountable Officer: Andrew Corcoran 08458 247 800

Background Papers: JTB Report Item 8, 28th January 2009

APPENDIX A
KENT COUNTY COUNCIL DECISION REPORT FORM

This first page is simply a check list and is for internal use only

To:	Highways Advisory Board	
REPORT AUTHOR:	Head of Transport and Development, Kent Highway Services	
SUBJECT:	Transportation and Safety Package Programme 2009/10	
KEY DECISION: (Tick as appropriate. See Guidance Note below)		NO
IMPLICATIONS:	<p>Budget/Financial Impact –Overall funding levels for this programme have been approved elsewhere</p> <p>Equality And Diversity -</p> <p>There are a variety of schemes proposed within the programme. Many improve travel choice for all.</p> <p>Towards 2010 Targets -</p> <p>Improving sustainable transport choices, tackling congestion, improving journey times, Kent Freedom Pass</p>	<p>The principles set out in the Council’s Putting Kent First pledge.</p> <p>Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.</p> <p>Sustainability (i.e. environmental, social, economic and climate change).</p> <p>Personnel.</p> <p>Corporate Governance.</p> <p>Legal Issues.</p>
REASONS FOR THE DECISION:	This report is to inform members of the proposed Transportation and Safety Package Programme for 2009/10 to be recommended for approval by the Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste.	
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	Many schemes have been assessed and prioritised according to member approved criteria for inclusion within the programme	
PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION:	Members are asked to recommend that the Cabinet Member approves the programme detailed in the report.	
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:	Included in the report	

By: Head of Transport & Development Planning
To: Highways Advisory Board - 3 March 2009
Subject: The Transportation and Safety Package Programme 2009/10
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report is to inform members of the proposed Transportation and Safety Package Programme for 2009/10 to be recommended for approval by the Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste.

1. Introduction and Policy Framework

- (1). Kent County Council's (KCC) local transport funding for 2009/10 was determined by the Department for Transport (DfT) in November 2007 as part of its assessment and settlement announcement regarding Kent's transport strategy, the Local Transport Plan (LTP). This funding has been provided to support local transport schemes that deliver the LTP, which itself sets out the County Council's approach to achieving a number of key transport objectives, including:
 - Improve access to key services by sustainable modes of transport;
 - Tackle the occurrence of peak hour congestion, particularly in larger urban areas;
 - Improve road safety by reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on Kent's roads;
 - Improve local air quality, particularly in designated Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs).
- (2). Kent's LTP funding for 2009/10 includes a capital allocation of £14.752M, which consists of borrowing approvals and grant and is specifically for the implementation of Integrated Transport (IT) schemes. Of the £14.752M, £2.600M will be used to fund detailed design and supervision of construction of 2009/10 schemes as well as forward design of 2010/11 schemes, and £2.200M is required to complete the 2008/09 programme. These include schemes which have been deferred in order to provide additional funding for maintenance in 2008/09. This results in a budget of £9.952M for implementation of new schemes. The allocation for new schemes in 2008/09 was £9.65M.
- (3). This report provides details of the 69 schemes that make up the proposed Transportation and Safety Package Programme for 2009/10 together with a brief summary of key elements of the programme. The schemes proposed for 2009/10 are shown at **Appendix 1**.

2. Scheme Prioritisation

- (1). The proposed Transportation and Safety Package Programme for 2009/10 has been devised using Kent's Scheme Prioritisation Methodology, PIPKIN. A report outlining the principles and a proposal to implement PIPKIN was presented to the

(HAB) in July 2006, and was approved by the Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste on the strength of the recommendations of this Board.

- (2). All scheme proposals have been subjected to a formal assessment and prioritised in accordance with their likely impact and wider contribution towards Kent's strategic and local transport objectives. The relative merit of each scheme has been determined in comparison to others submitted in the same year. Revisions to the viability of some schemes, such as their public acceptability and their deliverability, and the inclusion of previously approved carryovers from the 2008/09 programme has resulted in a final list of 69 new schemes to be funded from the 2009/10 budget. Schemes which have not achieved sufficient priority can be resubmitted as part of the 2010/11 programme.
- (3). The 2010/11 programme will be assessed using a revised scheme prioritisation system. This system is currently being developed through an informal member group and will be the subject of a future report to this Board.

3. Priorities for Funding

- (1). The proposed Transportation and Safety Package Programme for 2009/10 includes:
 - (a) Funding for the development of Kent's successful **Traffic Management Centre (UTMC)** to new areas of Kent and targeted funding to support the evolution of UTMC in Tunbridge Wells, Gravesend, Maidstone and Canterbury (£1.025M) as well as extension and upgrading of the Kent bus tracking and real time passenger information system (£350K).
 - (b) A new and innovative **Kickstart Public Transport initiative** (£1.627M). Bus companies were invited to submit proposals for capital funding to deliver a step change in local bus services and frequencies to support regeneration and help tackle congestion. Investment will fund new buses in Ashford including Stagecoach (10 vehicles) allowing *Line A* to be increased in frequency from 15 to 10 minutes and low floor vehicles and frequency improvements to be cascaded to routes 3 and 5. Enhancements are also planned for route 13 from Singleton to the town centre (1 vehicle) and for Ashford E Line linking Eureka Park – Town Centre – Orbital Park (2 vehicles). These enhancements will lay the groundwork for Ashford's Smartlink network. The Eastonways 38/ 38A, serving the Ramsgate and Birchington areas, is to be enhanced with 2 new vehicles. 2 new vehicles are also to be provided on the 326/ 327 Sittingbourne to Gillingham, operated under contract to Chalkwell.
 - (c) Investment in bus infrastructure to support **Quality Bus Partnership (QBP)** initiatives in Ashford, Canterbury, Dover, Maidstone and Thanet (£0.8M). This is match funding which has levered in significant investment from bus operators in new vehicles and higher frequency services.
 - (d) Investment in road safety initiatives through a targeted programme of **Casualty Reduction Measures (CRMs)**. There are 17 schemes (£1.3M) in total with casualty reduction as their primary objective.
 - (e) A smart card bus ticketing system is under development for Kent. The precursor to this is to ensure all Kent buses are equipped with **Smart**

Card Compliant Ticket Machines. There are over 800 public buses operating in the county. This £1.0M contribution will help fund a package of new and upgraded ticket machines for operators and help bring forward the ticket machine investment programmes planned by Stagecoach and Arriva. It is proposed that the machines will also link with Kent's GPS and Real Time Passenger Information System. A pilot is planned in partnership with Stagecoach for Kent Freedom Pass holders in Thanet; it is hoped that a launch will be possible in September 2009.

- (f) A £250K investment is proposed to upgrade bus stop poles and information to passengers as part of Kent's **Public Transport Information Strategy**. This will complete a programme to upgrade all of the 560 most important (level 1) bus stops in Kent, it is also key to supporting a re-tendering of the Kent Roadside Infrastructure Unit.
- (g) The programme includes a range of measures on the highway to support **Safer Routes to School** (£375K) as well as infrastructure within the school grounds including new bike shelters to support **Platinum School Travel Plans** (£100K). Schools receive platinum status for travel plans which have been in place for more than one year and where measures in the plan are actively being implemented. These schemes are part of Kent's successful travel to school initiative which has achieved a 5% switch at primary schools from car to walking to school.
- (h) £100K is to be spent on **upgrading pedestrian crossings to DDA compliancy**. A further £50K is to be top sliced from the programme to introduce dropped kerbs requested through the year by the public.

3. Consultation/ Local Members

- (1). Many of the schemes within the programme have been developed in consultation with local stakeholders and Members. Subject to approval of the programme by the Cabinet Member, the schemes will now be reported through the Joint Transportation Boards as part of the ongoing design and consultation process.

4. Conclusion

- (1) The proposed Transportation and Safety Package Programme for 2009/10 of 69 schemes detailed in this report will make an important contribution to delivering targets in Kent's Local Transport Plan: tackling congestion, improving road safety, enhancing access to local services by bus, for cyclists and pedestrians and contributing to improvements in local air quality.

5. Recommendations

- (1) Subject to the views of this Board, it is proposed to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste that:
 - (a) the proposed Transportation and Safety Package Programme for 2009/10 (as shown in Appendix 1) be approved;
 - (b) this Board notes the development and application of Kent's new Scheme Prioritisation System;

- (c) the Joint Transportation Boards receive updates on the approved schemes in their areas.
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Background Documents: The following background documents have been used in the preparation of this report:

Highways Advisory Board 11 July 2006, Item 10

The Local Transport Plan for Kent 2005/6 - 2010/11

Appendices

Appendix 1 – 2009/10 Transportation & Safety Package Programme

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APPENDIX 1 -
2009/10
Transportation
& Safety
Package
Programme

Ashford

PIPKIN rank	Scheme ref	Description	Ward	Scheme Type	Scheme Objective	Cost
13	ASH24	Ashford Domestic Station Improvements	Victoria	Multi-modal interchange	Tackling congestion	£ 90,000
20	ASH20	Bus Strategy Action Plan Pilot Scheme - Routes 'A', 3 & 5	Stanhope	Bus infrastructure	Tackling congestion	£ 200,000
48	PRWe04	Highfield Lane Estate to William Harvey Hospital	N Willesborough	Walking	Tackling congestion	£ 20,000
52	ASH30	Halstow Way to Noakes Meadow Cycleway	Beaver	Cycle track	Tackling congestion	£ 40,000
53	ASH34	Safer Routes to School - Beaver Green School, Cuckoo Lane	Beaver	First 'safe routes'	Casualty reduction	£ 20,000
103	ASH29	Christchurch School to Park Farm cycleway	Norman	Cycle track	Tackling congestion	£ 60,000
						£
						Total 430,000

Canterbury

PIPKIN rank	Scheme ref	Description	Ward	Scheme Type	Scheme Objective	Cost
5	CAN13	Canterbury Bus Strategy	Westgate	Bus stops with travel information	Tackling congestion	£ 300,000
17	CAN14	Canterbury Urban Traffic Management	Westgate	Urban Traffic Control (installations)	Tackling congestion	£ 150,000
27	CAN23	Canterbury to Chartham off road cycle route	Wincheap	Cycle track	Tackling congestion	£ 100,000
38	CAN19	Connect 2	Harbour	Cycling	Tackling congestion	£ 50,000
						£
						Total 600,000

Dartford

PIPKIN rank	Scheme ref	Description	Ward	Scheme Type	Scheme Objective	Cost
43	DAR36	Pedestrian Crossing Improvements	Town	New or improved footway	Improving accessibility	£ 25,000
45	DAR16	High Street, Bean - new footway	Bean & Darent	New or improved footway	Improving accessibility	£ 20,000
56	DAR38	A2018 Rochester Road - cycle route improvements	Heath	Unsignalled crossing	Tackling congestion	£ 50,000
57	DAR11	Pedestrian links to Bluewater	Castle	Signalled crossing	Tackling congestion	£ 100,000
						£
						Total 195,000

Dover

PIPKIN rank	Scheme ref	Description	Ward	Scheme Type	Scheme Objective	Cost
14	ITT02	Kent Bus Tracking System East Kent	Town & Pier	Bus priority	Tackling congestion	£ 250,000
24	DOV02	Bus Stop infrastructure improvements in the Dover District	Town & Pier	Improvements to existing bus stops	Tackling congestion	£ 100,000
28	DOV01	River Dour Cycle Route (Phase 2)	Town & Pier	Cycle track	Tackling congestion	£ 100,000
						£
						Total 450,000

Gravesham

PIPKIN rank	Scheme ref	Description	Ward	Scheme Type	Scheme Objective	Cost
22	GRA04	UTC Gravesend, including VMS	Central	Urban Traffic Control (installations)	Tackling congestion	£ 125,000
36	GRA23	B2175 The Hill/Stonebridge Road (Thames path connection)	Northfleet North	Cycle track	Tackling congestion	£ 40,000
46	GRA22	Pedestrian Crossing Improvements	Pelham	New or improved footway	Improving air quality	£ 50,000
54	GRA18	Wrotham Rd (North) cycle routes	Woodlands	Cycle track	Improving air quality	£ 40,000
-	Top slice	A227 Gravesend to Wrotham speed limit signing review	Gravesend/Wrotham	Other Schemes	Tackling congestion	£ 50,000
						£
						Total 305,000

Maidstone

PIPKIN rank	Scheme ref	Description	Ward	Scheme Type	Scheme Objective	Cost
10	MAI28	Cycle Improvements Maidstone Town Centre	High Street	Cycle lane	Tackling congestion	£ 30,000
19	MAI10	Urban Traffic Management Control System	High Street	Urban Traffic Control (installations)	Tackling congestion	£ 200,000
25	MAI09	QBP Scheme	Shepway South	Improvements to existing bus stops	Tackling congestion	£ 100,000
119	MAI05	Fant Traffic Calming	Fant	Urban Traffic Calming	Improving Accessibility	£ 85,000
126	MAI21	Ware Street Zebra Crossing	Bearsted	Unsignalled Crossing	Tackling congestion	£ 25,000
						£ Total 440,000

Sevenoaks

PIPKIN rank	Scheme ref	Description	Ward	Scheme Type	Scheme Objective	Cost
1	SEV08	Speed Limit (cycle route) - Swanley	Swanley White Oak	Safety scheme	Casualty reduction	£ 50,000
						£ Total 50,000

Shepway

PIPKIN rank	Scheme ref	Description	Ward	Scheme Type	Scheme Objective	Cost
16	SHE04	Folkestone Pedestrian Improvements	Folkestone Harvey West	New or improved footway	Casualty reduction	£ 80,000
31	SHE09	Bus Stop Improvements - Route 10/10A (Folkestone to Ashford)	Folkestone Harvey Central	Improvement to existing bus stop	Tackling congestion	£ 125,000
32	SHE11	Bus Stop Improvements - Route 12/711/712 (Folkestone to Dover)	Folkestone Harvey Central	Improvement to existing bus stop	Tackling congestion	£ 80,000
42	SHE17	Folkestone High Speed Rail Link Station Access Improvements	Folkestone Harvey West	Multi-modal interchange	Improving accessibility	£ 200,000
						£ Total 485,000

Swale

PIPKIN rank	Scheme ref	Description	Ward	Scheme Type	Scheme Objective	Cost
11	SWA06	Homewood Avenue Safer Routes to School	Chalkwell	Traffic management	Casualty reduction	£ 100,000
21	SWA15	Marine Parade/Richmond Street SRTS	Sheerness East	Crash remedial measure	Casualty reduction	£ 75,000
34	SWA32	Cycle Network improvements - Sittingbourne	St Michaels	Cycling	Tackling congestion	£ 60,000
39	SWA26	Swale-wide bus infrastructure improvements	Milton Regis	Improvement to existing bus stop	Tackling congestion	£ 95,000
40	SWA08	Borden Traffic Management	Chalkwell	Traffic management	Casualty reduction	£ 50,000
44	SWA36	Bell Road refuges by Memorial Hospital, Sittingbourne	St Michaels	Traffic management	Casualty reduction	£ 15,000
50	SWA33	Sheerness High Street pedestrian refuge	Sheerness East	Crash remedial measure	Casualty reduction	£ 10,000
51	SWA20	Priory Row, Davington - Safer Routes to School	Davington Priory	First 'safe routes'	Casualty reduction	£ 15,000
227	SWA19	Lynsted Footway	Teynham & Lynsted	New or improved footway	Improving accessibility	£ 100,000
Total						£ 520,000

Thanet

PIPKIN rank	Scheme ref	Description	Ward	Scheme Type	Scheme Objective	Cost
6	THA25	Cliftonville Primary School SRTS	Cliftonville East	Unsignalled crossing	Casualty reduction	£ 100,000
7	THA21	Margate seafront to Drapers Mill	Margate Central	Cycle track	Casualty reduction	£ 160,000
8	THA20	Broadstairs Traffic Plan (Phase 2)	Viking	Toucan or puffin crossing	Tackling congestion	£ 150,000
9	THA05	Thanet Quality Bus Partnership	Margate Central	Improvement to existing bus stop	Tackling congestion	£ 100,000
23	THA10	Westwood Transport Plan	Northwood	Road duelling & widening	Tackling congestion	£ 250,000
30	THA14	Pysons Road, Broadstairs	St Peters	Unsignalled crossing	Tackling congestion	£ 211,000
37	THA08	Garlinge Primary School - SRTS	Garlinge	Unsignalled crossing	Casualty reduction	£ 165,000
41	THA26	Westbrook Avenue/Westgate Bay Avenue, Margate	Westgate-on-Sea	Unsignalled crossing	Casualty reduction	£ 190,000
47	THA22	Chilton Primary School SRTS/Nethercourt Hill, Ramsgate	Cliffsend & Pegwell	First 'safe routes'	Casualty reduction	£ 150,000
49	THA24	Junction improvements for pedestrians - mass action plan (Thanet)	Dane Valley	New junction/improvement scheme	Casualty reduction	£ 20,000
62	THA04	Dane Valley Cycle Routes (Phase 5)	Dane Valley	Cycle track	Tackling congestion	£ 111,000
						£
						Total 1,607,000

Tonbridge & Malling

PIPKIN rank	Scheme ref	Description	Ward	Scheme Type	Scheme Objective	Cost
3	TON05	A20 & A228 to Kings Hill - bus priority measures and info imps	Aylesford	Bus priority scheme	Tackling congestion	£ 50,000
15	TON14	Tonbridge Station Interchange	Judd	Multi-modal interchange	Tackling congestion	£ 40,000
33	TON13	Winterfield Lane - footway	East Malling	New or improved footway	Tackling congestion	£ 200,000
						£
						Total 290,000

Tunbridge Wells

PIPKIN rank	Scheme ref	Description	Ward	Scheme Type	Scheme Objective	Cost
2	TUW01	Urban Traffic Management & Control (UTMC) Tunbridge Wells	Pantiles & St Marks	Bus infrastructure scheme	Tackling congestion	£ 300,000
4	TUW18	A264 Pembury Road - Linked Signalised junctions with Bus Priority	Sherwood & Parks	Signal upgrading	Casualty reduction	£ 50,000
26	TUW17	Longfield Road 'Great Lodge' junction improvements	Sherwood	Junction improvement	Tackling congestion	£ 50,000
35	TUW14	A264 Langton Road Cycleway	Rusthall	Cycle lane	Tackling congestion	£ 150,000
Total						£ 550,000

Countywide

PIPKIN rank	Scheme ref	Description	District/Ward	Scheme Type	Scheme Objective	Cost
12	STT09	QBP Kickstart Scheme (Ashford, Thanet, Swale)	Ashford, Stanhope/ Countywide	Bus infrastructure	Tackling congestion	£ 1,627,000
18	ITT01	Traffic Management Centre Development	Countywide	Urban Traffic Control (installations)	Tackling congestion	£ 250,000
29	ITT03	Kent Bus Tracking System West Kent	Countywide	Bus priority	Tackling congestion	£ 100,000
92	STT08	Smart Card Compliant Ticket Machines	Countywide	Bus infrastructure	Tackling congestion	£ 1,000,000
94	STT01	Public Transport Information Strategy	Countywide	Improvements to existing bus stops	Tackling congestion	£ 250,000
142	STT02	Platinum School Travel Plans - Off highway infrastructure	Countywide	School travel plans	Tackling congestion	£ 100,000
160	STT03	Upgrading pedestrian crossing points	Countywide	Walking	Improving accessibility	£ 100,000
-	Top slice	Reactive drop kerbs	Countywide	Unsignalled crossing	Improving accessibility	£ 50,000
-	Top slice	CRMs fastrack for quick delivery	Countywide	Crash remedial measure	Casualty reduction	£ 50,000
-	Top slice	Pedestrian Crossing (8 sites)	Countywide	Unsignalled/Signalled crossing	Improving accessibility	£ 500,000
Total						£ 4,027,000

TOTAL Countywide Allocation £
2009/10: **9,949,000**

APPENDIX B
Integrated Transport Schemes approved for implementation in 2009/10

Scheme Title	Cost	Description
Urban Traffic Management Control System	£ 200,000	To provide UTMC equipment in and around Maidstone Town Centre to help alleviate congestion
Quality Bus Partnership Scheme	£ 100,000	Modifications to the traffic calming on the Shepway Estate to improve the quality of ride and punctuality of the bus service
Fant Traffic Calming	£ 85,000	Speed Cushions on Bower Place, Upper Fant Road, Gatland Land and Glebe Lane and a crossing facility in vicinity of Bower Grove School to reduce vehicle speeds
Cycle Improvements Maidstone Town Centre	£ 30,000	Cycle link between Week Street and Station Road in the Town Centre to improve the cycle network in the town centre
Ware Street Zebra Crossing	£ 25,000	Construction of Zebra Crossing along Ware Street to provide a safer crossing point
Total	£ 440,000	

APPENDIX C
Schemes assessed for bids in 2010/11

Maidstone Rank	Scheme Title	Ward	Estimated Cost (£k)	Provisional Score
1	A229 Running Horse CRM Roundabout Improvements to lane designation signing and lining	Boxley	50	88.6
2	Bus stop infrastructure improvements - Route 71 & 101	Maidstone	161	70.8
3	Speed reduction signage, improved crossing point at village hall and bus stop improvement Nettlestead	Marden and Yalding	29	56.8
4	A26/South Lane CRM junction improvements to increase visibility on the A26	Barming	35	55.8
5	Pedestrian Crossing Armstrong Road nr Hockey Club, Maidstone	High Street	30	55.7

6	Staplehurst Bus Stop Improvements including pedestrian crossing	Staplehurst	70	54.3
7	A274 Biddenden Road Shenley Corner Bus Stop & Pedestrian Improvements	Headcorn	35	53.3
8	Construction of footway along Brishing Lane including bus stop improvements	Boughton Monchelsea and Chart Sutton	80	53.2
9	Lenham Bus Stop improvements	Harrietsham and Lenham	23	51.9
10	Hermitage Lane/Heath Road, Barming new footway and new pedestrian phase on lights	Heath	92	48.8
11	Marden Pedestrian Safety Improvements including dropped kerbs, warning signs, gateways and mini roundabout	Marden and Yalding	57	48.7
12	Headcorn Road, Sutton Valence footway construction linking South Lane to Heniker Lane	Sutton Valence and Langley	85	48.6
13	A274 Five Wents CRM Junction improvements realignment, signing & lining	Sutton Valence and Langley	28	47.8
14	Boxley Road Pedestrian Crossing & associated speed limit	Boxley	35	47.4
15	Speed reduction measures, warning signage and footway by Gidds Pond Cottages, Bearsted Road	Boxley	28	44.7
16	Bus Stop Improvements, Sutton Valence	Sutton Valence and Langley	15	43.2
17	Warmlake Crossroads CRM, Sutton Valence junction improvements and advanced warning signage	Sutton Valence and Langley	18	37.1
18	Construction of new footway, Impton Lane, Walderslade	Boxley	85	33.9
19	SRTS Egremount Road, Madginford Installation of pedestrian guard railing and Zebra crossing facility	Bearsted	35	33.7
20	Hunton Gateway Improvements to reduce traffic speeds in the Village and improve road safety	Coxheath and Hunton	8	32.9
21	Junction improvements by increasing visibility, protecting the footway and verge Upper Fant Rd j/w Lower Fant Rd	Fant	17	17.6
22	Re-aligning of Lees Road / Hampsted Lane junction, Yalding to improve road safety	Marden and Yalding	43	17.2

23	Beresford Hill Junction Improvements to protect structure and improve road safety	Boughton Monchelsea and Chart Sutton	23	16.3
24	Dean Street East Farleigh junction improvements re-alignment, signing and lining refresh	Coxheath and Hunton	23	16.2
		Total	1105	

APPENDIX D

Schemes being investigated for potential bids for 2011/12

Location	Description	Status
A249 Roundabouts	Roundabout Construction along A249 reducing vehicle speeds	Scheme not deliverable in 10/11 therefore, further investigation required before a potential bid in 11/12
A249 Side road improvements	Accessibility improvements off of the A249	Scheme not deliverable in 10/11 therefore, further investigation required before a potential bid in 11/12
A274 Station to Dairy - Headcorn	Construction of new footway	Further investigations required for a potential in 11/12 bid
Bearstead Footway	Footway at the junction of Roseacre Lane & Windmill Heights & hard standing by The Green bus stop	Further investigations required for a potential in 11/12 bid
East Farleigh Bridge Signalisation	Traffic Lights at either end of East Farleigh Bridge balancing traffic flows	Scheme not deliverable in 10/11 therefore, further investigation required before a potential bid in 11/12
Heath Road, Barming 20Mph Zone	Traffic Calming in vicinity of Barming Primary School	Scheme not deliverable in 10/11 therefore, further investigation required before a potential bid in 11/12
Hildenborough Crescent	Request for speed management measures	Scheme requires further investigation for a potential bid in 11/12
Hockers Lane, Detling	Hockers Lane/The Street junction improvements and Hockers Lane Traffic Calming	Scheme to be worked up in conjunction with Parish design group for potential bid in 11/12
Hunton Crossroads	Roundabout at the Hunton Crossroads at the intersection of Dean Street, Heath Road and Upper Hunton Hill for improving road safety	Scheme not deliverable in 10/11 therefore, further investigation required before a potential bid in 11/12
Langley Footway Improvements	Footway on A274 from Horseshoe Lane to Church	Further investigations required for a potential in 11/12 bid
Linton Crossroads	CRM - Junction Improvements	Due to deliverability issues to be rebid in 2011/12

London Road j/w Castle Rd	improved pedestrian facilities at junction - pedestrian push buttons	Further investigations required for a potential in 11/12 bid
Loose Road jct. with Armstrong Road – South Ward	Junction improvements to improve safety & reduce congestion	Further investigations required for a potential in 11/12 bid
Pilgrims Way Traffic Calming	Quiet Lanes Project for Pilgrims Way between Detling and Hollingbourne	Awaiting further information from Project Group for future potential bid
Sutton Valence Pedestrian Crossing	Crossing Facility on the A274	To be reassessed following relocation of School Crossing Patrol
UTMC	Maidstone Town Centre future upgrades	UTMC in Maidstone being reviewed for a potential bid for improvements in 11/12
Yeoman Lane, Bearsted	Speed Reduction measures and Pedestrian Facilities	Further investigations required for a potential in 11/12 bid

APPENDIX E

Schemes on hold or to be withdrawn from the bidding process

Location	Description	Status
A229 Staplehurst Footway	Footway installation along A229 increasing Pedestrian Safety	After investigations scheme to be withdrawn due to limited justification
A274 Langley Double white lines	Double White Lines along A274 through Langley	After investigations scheme to be withdrawn due to limited justification
B2163 Langley Double white lines	Double White Lines	After investigations scheme to be withdrawn due to limited justification
Brishing Lane Weight Limit	Installation of Weight Limit for said road	After investigations scheme to be withdrawn due to limited justification
Penenden Heath Road	Upgrade of Zebra Crossing to include a designated pedestrian phase	After investigations scheme to be withdrawn due to limited justification
A229 / Cripple Street, Loose	Traffic Signals at junction increasing road safety	Developer funded scheme therefore no LTP funding required
Fairbourne Lane, Harrietsham	Civil works along airborne lane to raise awareness to motorists of the narrowness of the route.	New signing has recently be implemented and will be monitored
Heath Road Traffic Calming - Langley	Installation of Traffic Calming along through Heath Road	No current crash record or speeding identified therefore, against County Traffic Calming Policy

North Maidstone 20mph Zone	Traffic Calming along Hillary Road	No current crash record or speeding identified therefore, against County Traffic Calming Policy
West Street, Hunton Footway Installation	Footway construction linking village to church	Scheme being reviewed by Parish Council due to third party land issues
South Maidstone HGV Restrictions	HGV Restrictions in TRAMP area	Scheme on hold awaiting publication of the Countywide Freight Strategy as agreed at HAB
Charlton Lane, West Farleigh	Installation of new gateway and 30mph speed limit.	Scheme on hold due to County Council moratorium on speed limits
Heath Road 20mph zone	Experimental 20mph zone along the B2163 in vicinity of Cornwallis School	Scheme on hold due to County Council moratorium on speed limits
Heath Road 40mph speed limit	40mph speed limit on Heath Road from the Hunton Crossroads heading west towards West Farleigh. To improve road safety and the Quality of Life for residents.	Scheme on hold due to County Council moratorium on speed limits
Sutton Valence, South Bank	Footway steps restrict access to local properties for wheelchair users	Scheme to be investigated as a DDA scheme
Bower Place weight Limit	Installation of Weight Limit for said road	Scheme to be progressed outside of the LTP
Peel Street HGV signage	Installation of sufficient signage directing visitors to Industrial estate away from narrow residential routes.	Scheme to be progressed outside of the LTP
Teston Improvements	Extension of Crash Barrier/Closure of Church Street West junction with A26	Scheme to be progressed outside of the LTP
B2015 Maidstone Road, Nettlestead	Speed reduction measures	SID bid has been submitted therefore no requirement for LTP funding
Ewell Lane, West Farleigh	Introduction of 30mph Speed Limit and warning signing at Thatched Cottage	Signing to be progressed outside of LTP and speed limit will be looked at as part of Speed Limit Review
Laddingford village	30mph limit and School safety measures	Works being carried out as part of Speed Limit Review

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Update on Petitions submitted to Kent Highway Services

A report by the Head of Transport & Development to the Joint Transportation Board

Summary

1. A report to update the Board on the current status of petitions received by Kent Highway Services and notification of any new petitions received since the last meeting.

Traffic Calming Measures, Heath Road, Coxheath

2. A petition was submitted in April 2008 by some 59 residents, lead by Mr A R Monk of Westerhill Road, Coxheath. It sought action to improve the traffic calming measures installed along Heath Road, Coxheath as the petitioners felt these were dangerous.
3. It was reported at the last meeting of this board that some amendments had already been made to the traffic calming. Since the last meeting two alternative schemes have been consulted on. The consultation on the alternative schemes consisted of a leaflet drop, public exhibition and public meeting. The results of the consultation are available on request and showed that neither alternative option was strongly supported. At the recent public meeting Kent Highway Services agreed to look at another option once the official views of the Parish Council are known.

Safe Crossing for Marden Road, Staplehurst

4. A petition was submitted in May 2008 by Staplehurst Parish Council with over 150 signatures requesting a safer crossing in Marden Road, Staplehurst.
5. Kent Highway Services have investigated this request following a meeting with the Parish Council and have submitted a bid for the provision of a new crossing, pedestrian guard railings, interactive speed sign and bus stop improvements as part of the 2010/11 Integrated Transport Programme for Kent. The details of this bid are included as part of the report on the Integrated Transport Programme for Maidstone 2009/10 and beyond.

Request for the Implementation of a Weight Restriction through Yalding

6. A petition was submitted in September 2008 by Yalding Parish Council with over 570 signatures supporting a previous request for a weight restriction through Yalding and that surveys of lorry movements through Yalding and East Farleigh be undertaken.
7. An update on this issue was reported to this Board at its last meeting and it was agreed that the Board would request the Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste re-consider his decision and that consultants are engaged to do an Origin and Destination Survey in Yalding during term time and business hours.

Closure of Pheasant Lane, Maidstone South

8. A petition was submitted in August 2008 by some 120 residents, lead by Mr David Fraiss of Osborne House, Loose Road of the Pheasant Lane Action Group which sought the closure of Pheasant Lane to vehicles other than for residential access. The petitioners felt the lane was being used as a rat run, was too narrow for the volume of traffic has too many blind bends with drivers driving too fast and pedestrians are at great risk.

9. It was reported at the last meeting of this Board that Kent Highway Services has consulted on the possibility of restricting vehicular traffic movement along Pheasant Lane, Maidstone. The closure was supported by the majority of residents consulted however, Kent Police raised concerns that should the route be stopped up for all vehicular traffic this could potentially increase antisocial crime, fly tipping and effect accessibility and response times for the emergency services.
10. It was agreed that discussions would take place with Kent Police to attempt to overcome their concerns and that a formal Traffic Regulation Order would be published to close Pheasant Lane. Following the publication of this order any objections received will be reported back to a future meeting of this Board for a formal decision to be made as to whether to close Pheasant Lane or not.

Fant Traffic Calming Scheme, Maidstone

11. At the last meeting of this board it was reported that a petition was submitted in December 2008 by Maidstone Green Party on behalf of 346 residents of Bower Place, Upper Fant Road, Gatland Land and Glebe Lane. Maidstone requesting measures to slow and reduce the volume of traffic in these roads.
12. In the report on the Integrated Transport Programme for Maidstone 2009/10 and beyond it is confirmed that a traffic calming scheme for this area has received funding for implementation. The design for this scheme is expected to be completed by the end of May for public consultations to start in June. The results of these consultations will be reported back to the next meeting of this board.

New Petitions Received

13. At the time of writing this report Kent Highway Services have not received any new petitions since the last meeting of this board.

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