

PROGRAMME ENTRY PROPOSAL			
Capital Project	No	Revenue Project	Yes
Originator:	Carmen Szeto, Principal Transport Planner		
Programme	Place, Prosperity and Sustainability	Ward	All Wards
Project Title:	Capability and Ambition Fund Tranche 2		
Project Description	<p>Introduction</p> <p>West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) has secured almost £3.5 million funding within Active Travel England's Capability and Ambition Fund (CAF) Tranche 2 to help Local Authorities build their staffing capacity in active travel and to support the development of a project pipeline. Of this funding, Birmingham City Council (BCC) has been allocated £327,441 to develop eight schemes identified in both Birmingham's and the West Midlands' Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIP).</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>The objective of the funding is to further develop the following schemes and their respective deliverables:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Perry Barr to Sutton Coldfield: feasibility study to be produced. 2. Core Walking Zone: Northfield: feasibility study to be produced. 3. Core Walking Zone: Small Heath and Bordesley Green: feasibility study to be produced. 4. Local links: Bearwood to Selly Oak: feasibility study to be produced. 5. Hagley Road Corridor: feasibility study to be produced. 6. Local links: Erdington to Sutton Coldfield: feasibility study to be produced. 7. Local links: Bromford Lane / Washwood Heath Depot: detailed design for cycle way finding signage to be produced. 8. Green Routes: feasibility study to be produced. <p>These schemes were selected through a multi-criteria assessment of all schemes identified in the LCWIP. The criteria included an assessment of access to facilities, population within the catchment, impact on deprivation, alignment of policy and strategic context.</p> <p>An assessment of BCC's active travel programme was also carried out to identify schemes that would complement projects that are currently in delivery.</p>		
Funding required for FBC	<p>Outline Business Cases (OBC) will not be produced at this stage as this project is to create pipeline schemes for future funding bids. OBCs will be produced for individual schemes once funding becomes available. Timescales for OBC production are dependent on when funding opportunities become available. The outcomes of the feasibility reports will be reported to Transport & Highways Group and Transport & Highways Board once they are complete.</p>		

Milestone date for FBC completion	The original funding deadline of 13 th January 2024 has been extended by TfWM such that work must be completed by July 2024. This has been approved by Active Travel England.																		
Total Project Cost	<p>The total project cost is £327,441 funded by Capability and Ambition Fund.</p> <p>The breakdown of costs is as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Project/ scheme name and details:</th><th>Amount</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Perry Barr to Sutton Coldfield Route <i>Feasibility Study</i></td><td>£50,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Core Walking Zone: Northfield <i>Feasibility Study</i></td><td>£35,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Core Walking Zone: Small Heath and Bordesley Green <i>Feasibility Study</i></td><td>£50,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Local links: Bearwood to Selly Oak <i>Feasibility Study</i></td><td>£60,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Hagley Road Corridor <i>Feasibility Study</i></td><td>£40,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Local links: Erdington - Sutton Coldfield <i>Feasibility Study</i></td><td>£50,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Local links: Bromford Lane/ Washwood Heath Depot (HS2) <i>Detailed Designs - Wayfinding signage</i></td><td>£27,441</td></tr> <tr> <td>Green routes Improvements <i>Feasibility Study</i></td><td>£15,000</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Project/ scheme name and details:	Amount	Perry Barr to Sutton Coldfield Route <i>Feasibility Study</i>	£50,000	Core Walking Zone: Northfield <i>Feasibility Study</i>	£35,000	Core Walking Zone: Small Heath and Bordesley Green <i>Feasibility Study</i>	£50,000	Local links: Bearwood to Selly Oak <i>Feasibility Study</i>	£60,000	Hagley Road Corridor <i>Feasibility Study</i>	£40,000	Local links: Erdington - Sutton Coldfield <i>Feasibility Study</i>	£50,000	Local links: Bromford Lane/ Washwood Heath Depot (HS2) <i>Detailed Designs - Wayfinding signage</i>	£27,441	Green routes Improvements <i>Feasibility Study</i>	£15,000
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Revenue Implications	<p>There are no direct revenue implications from the acceptance of this funding. However, maintenance costs and other revenue implications resulting from the schemes will be assessed as part of the development work and reported as part of future business cases brought forward for approval.</p> <p>There is currently no funding for delivery of the wayfinding signage at Bromford Lane / Washwood Heath Depot. However, there is an initial estimate of the maintenance cost of £714.88 per annum for signs on the highway. There is a possibility that signage within the park may be required. A revised maintenance cost will be reported in the FBC subject to further funding being secured for delivery.</p>																		
Financial Implications	The full cost of carrying out this proposal is met by the revenue funding of £327,441 which been allocated to the Council by TfWM. This funding is for scheme development only, and further funding would be required for implementation. There is no obligation on the Council for further funding or to deliver any of the schemes that are developed as part of this proposal.																		
Links to Corporate and Service Priorities	<p>The project aligns with the strategic outcomes, priorities, objectives and principles of:</p> <p>Birmingham City Council's Plan and Budget 2022 - 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Bold Prosperous Birmingham • A Bold Inclusive Birmingham • A Bold Safe Birmingham • A Bold Healthy Birmingham • A Bold Green Birmingham <p>Birmingham Transport Plan (2021):</p>																		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritising active travel in local neighbourhoods – “Walking, cycling and active travel will become the first choice for most people making short journeys in their local neighbourhoods. Cars will no longer dominate street life around homes and schools. A limit of 20mph will be standard on all local roads. Residential neighbourhoods and local centres will be places where people are put first.” <p>Birmingham Development Plan (BDP) 2031:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “To provide high quality connections throughout the city and with other places including encouraging the increased use of public transport, walking and cycling”, and “To encourage better health and wellbeing”. <p>Birmingham Walking and Cycling Strategy (2020):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a great city for walking and cycling – “Providing safe infrastructure, managing traffic, and maintaining streets.” Enable walking and cycling – “Providing training, improving access to bikes, tackling safety issues and securing funding.”
Project Benefits:	<p>Benefits associated with this proposal include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project pipeline of bid ready schemes – strengthening BCC’s ability to bid successfully for future funding when available. <p>The resulting schemes when delivered are likely to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved Public Safety – This scheme would improve road safety for pedestrians and cyclists in Birmingham. Improved active travel and public transport access - Improved permeability for cycling across Birmingham High Value for Money – The proposed interventions offer a relatively low cost, high value intervention which will deliver significant benefits across Birmingham
Project Deliverables:	<p>Seven feasibility studies and one set of detailed design drawings for wayfinding signage at Bromford Lane/ Washwood Heath Depot.</p> <p>The delivery of wayfinding signage is not funded.</p>
Dependencies on other projects or activities	<p>There are several dependencies on projects across the City.</p> <p>Perry Barr to Sutton Coldfield feasibility study will be coordinated with the development of the cycle route along Aldridge Road to Alexander Stadium and the Sutton Gateway City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) scheme in the town centre.</p> <p>Core Walking Zone: Northfield feasibility study will be coordinated with the design development of A38 segregated cycleway between Selly Oak and Longbridge. This study will help inform an increased spend rate on the CRSTS A38 segregated cycleway project in Northfield Town Centre. BCC’s unsuccessful Levelling Up Fund bid for Northfield will also be used to inform the study.</p> <p>Core Walking Zone: Small Heath and Bordesley Green feasibility study will complement the Liveable Neighbourhood Pilot in Bordesley Green. This study will help inform a package of measures to take forth to improve 15 minute access and to develop Healthy Street assessments for options developed in the CRSTS Bordesley Green Active Travel Connectivity project.</p> <p>Local links: Bearwood to Selly Oak feasibility study will be coordinated with the Bristol Road at Selly Oak project to ensure cohesive designs are produced between the two schemes.</p>

	<p>Hagley Road Corridor feasibility study will be coordinated with the Hagley Road Multi-Modal Study to ensure the challenges of active travel identified is addressed by the feasibility study.</p> <p>Local links: Erdington to Sutton Coldfield feasibility study will be informed by the design principles of the Sutton Gateway CRSTS project to ensure cohesive designs are produced between the two schemes.</p> <p>Local links: Bromford Lane / Washwood Heath Depot detailed designs will progress installation of designs on recently completed Environment Agency works on Bromford Drive with the path running alongside the A452.</p> <p>Green Routes feasibility study will take into account the planned works by BCC Parks.</p>
PFI Alignment	<p>The feasibility studies will take into account the PFI programme. As the work is at a high level, further work will be designed in alignment with the PFI programme.</p> <p>Detailed designs on Bromford Lane signage will be designed in accordance with the PFI programme.</p>
Project Sponsor	<p>Phil Edwards Assistant Director Transport & Connectivity 07557 203167</p>

Date to THG	7th September 2023	
THG Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can proceed to THB if the extended date of July 2024 is confirmed, and clarify if this is for work 'committed' or 'completed' . Covering report needs to be to Cabinet Member as there are no existing delegations. Note the current S151 Officer Spend Control Board requirements and the need to minimise new revenue maintenance costs. 	
Date to THB	15th September 2023	
THB Comments	The maintenance costs and revenue implications for signage are to reviewed at OBC, not FBC.	
THB Approvals	Date agreed by THB	15 th September 2023
	Budget for options appraisal	£327,441
	Milestone for options appraisal	July 2024 (feasibility reports and one detailed design)

