

Report of the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Culture to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on 24th July 2014.

O

Subject:

A641 Bus Lane & Highway Safety Scheme Update

Summary statement:

This report updates members on the bus lane and safety improvement works undertaken on the A641 corridor during 2013.

Mike Cowlam
Interim Regeneration and Culture
Director

Report Contact: Andrew Smith
Principal Engineer – Traffic & Highways
South
Phone: (01274) 434674
E-mail: Andrew.smith@bradford.gov.uk

Portfolio:

Housing, Planning and Transport

Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Environment and Sport



1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report updates members on the bus lane and safety improvement works undertaken on the A641 corridor during 2013.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the Bradford South Area Committee on 5 December 2012 approval was given to undertake a combined scheme involving safety measures and the implementation of bus corridor improvements on the A641 Huddersfield Road in the Wyke, Royds and Wibsey wards .

- 2.2 These measures involved the following work: -

- Narrowing of the central reservation at the Huddersfield Road/Netherlands Avenue junction and introducing a new splitter island to meter flows across the junction.
- The introduction of an outbound bus lane (towards Brighouse) at peak evening times with camera enforcement from approximately 100m south of Odsal Interchange to the end of the dual carriageway section at Salisbury Road.
- The extension of the existing inbound bus lane at morning peak times between the start of the dual carriageway section at Salisbury Road to Netherlands Avenue.
- The construction of a Signalised Bus gate at the junction of Huddersfield Road and Woodside Road and associated traffic flow detection loops.
- The implementation of a full time camera enforced bus lane between the junction of Summer Hall Ing and the junction with Woodside Road inbound towards Bradford.

- 2.3 Works were completed in May 2013.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 Bus Operators have been asked for route timing information following the first 12 months of implementation of the scheme; however this information had not been made available at the time of writing this report and may be presented verbally to the Area Committee.

- 3.2 Observations by the Police have indicated that the provision of the outbound peak evening hours bus lane had an additional effect of resolving merging issues/conflicts at the end of the dual carriageway section of the A641, thus reducing congestion by smoothing out the traffic flows.

- 3.3 Both the (former) Principal Engineer for Bradford South, and Bradford's Senior Transport Analyst (regular users of the A641 corridor) have observed that traffic flows at peak times are better balanced post-scheme implementation.

- 3.4 Observations also indicate that the safety works at the Netherlands Avenue junction appear to have resolved the majority of bad driver behaviour issues that were previously being experienced, and that traffic flows across the A641 have been reduced.



4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 There are no financial and resource issues arising from this report.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

5.1 There are currently no risk management issues relevant to this matter.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

6.1 Any investigations and works undertaken will be carried out within the requirements of statutory legislation.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

7.1.1 There are no Equality & Diversity issues arising from this report

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

7.2.1 There are no significant sustainability implications to this report

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

7.3.1 There is no greenhouse gas emission implication to this report

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

7.4.1 The measures implemented have had a positive effect on community safety.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

7.5.1 There are no human rights implications arising from this matter

7.6 TRADE UNION

7.6.1 There are no trade union implications arising from this report

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

7.7.1 The issue raised impacts on local residents and a major employer in the area

7.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

7.8.1 The development and implementation of any schemes proposed or included in this report support priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14.



8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1 None.

9. OPTIONS

9.1 There are no options relating to this report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the Area Committee notes the content of this report.

11. APPENDICES

None

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 Report by the Strategic Director of Regeneration & Culture to the Bradford South Area Committee on 13 December 2012 (Document "AJ")

