

Report To: Environment & Regeneration Committee
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Subject: Roads & Transportation – Proposed RAMP/Capital Programme for 2019/20

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval in relation to a proposed programme of projects to be undertaken in 2019/20 using RAMP/Capital Funding and a grant offer of funding by the Scottish Government for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Projects.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The first year of the approved 5 year Roads Asset Management Strategy for 2018/23 will be complete at the end of March 2019. This report is to advise the Committee of the proposed RAMP/Capital expenditure and core projects for 2019/20 (excluding CWSS Grant Funding) amounting to a value of £3.110m.
- 2.2 The 2019/20 Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) projects for Roads & Transportation are valued at £107k. At least 36% (and preferably above 50%) of the grant funding must be considered for the purposes of undertaking a programme of works for the promotion of cycling. Payment of the funding will be by grant made in arrears on the basis of evidenced expenditure.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Committee approves the list detailed below for the 2019/20 RAMP/Capital and CWSS grant aided roads related projects.
- 3.2 That the Committee grants delegated authority to the Head of Service – Roads & Transportation to achieve full spend of the RAMP/Capital budget through the substitution of projects from a reserve list when necessary.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

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5.0 PROPOSALS – 2019/20 PROGRAMME

- 5.1 The proposed projects, where appropriate, apply only to carriageways, footways, lighting and bridges etc. on public roads for which Roads & Transportation has specific responsibilities in terms of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.
- 5.2 The costs of the projects as specified have been compiled on the basis of assessed unit costs and not on priced bill of quantities which will be prepared when the programme has been approved. Should the cost of any individual project exceed the preliminary estimate, appropriate variances will be applied to the remaining programme.
- 5.3 Delivery of the 2019/20 programme will depend on a number of factors including changing priorities due to ongoing changes within the condition of the network, weather, market prices and the work programmes of public utility companies who also require access to the road network. In view of this, it is proposed that delegated authority be given to the Head of Service – Roads & Transportation to achieve full spend of the capital budget through the substitution of projects from a reserve list when necessary. Reserve carriageway, footway and structures projects are in the relevant section of this report.
- 5.4 A CWSS budget has been established by the Scottish Ministers, with a view to giving greater prominence to cycling, walking and safer streets, to assist Local Authorities to achieve the aims of their Local Transport Strategy.
- 5.5 The programme of expenditure for the £3.217m funding is as detailed in the table below.

<i>Outline Programme</i>	<i>2019/20 (£000s)</i>
<i>RAMP</i>	
Carriageways (refer 6.0)	1,400
Footways (refer 7.0)	323
Structures (refer 8.0)	309
Lighting (refer 9.0)	648
Other Assets (refer 10.0) (drainage, signs & road markings, vehicle restraint systems, traffic measures)	120
Fees & Staffing	310
<i>Roads Core Funding</i>	
Cycling Walking & Safer Streets (refer 11.0)	107
Total	3,217

6.0 RAMP CARRIAGEWAY PROGRAMME

6.1 The priority investment programme for carriageways has been determined through analysis of available information comprising: road hierarchy, results from the Scottish Road Maintenance Condition Survey (SRMCS), local route knowledge with regard to defective lengths of carriageway, evidence of defects, number of complaints, accidents statistics, liability claims, and public, Councillor, and other requests. Particular emphasis is given to the road hierarchy, SRMCS and local route knowledge of Council Officers. Future determination is based on the Roads Asset Management Policy. Schemes are listed alphabetically by town.

i. Named Carriageway Resurfacing/ Reconstruction Schemes (£1,000k).

<i>Road</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Extent</i>
Cloch Road	A	Gourock	Selected Lengths Between Underheugh STW & Kennels
Auchmead Road	U	Greenock	Selected Lengths
Brougham Street	A	Greenock	Bridge to Forsyth Street
Eldon Street	A	Greenock	Lyle Road to Manor Crescent
Glencairn Road	U	Greenock	Full Length
Grieve Road	C	Greenock	Gateside Avenue to Bow Road
Pennyfern Road	U	Greenock	A78 to Maple Road & Maple Road to Pennyfern Drive
Waverley Street	U	Greenock	Dunlop Street to End
Port Glasgow Road	A	Kilmacolm	Auchenbothie Road to Auchenbothie Gardens
Ardmore Road	U	Port Glasgow	Selkirk Road to Bridgend Avenue
Heggies Avenue	U	Port Glasgow	Parkhill Avenue to Glasgow Road

ii. Carriageway Proprietary Surface Treatments – Surface Dressing (£200k).

The programme for the Carriageway Proprietary Surface Treatments – Surface Dressing was approved at the January 2019 Committee.

iii. Carriageway Large Patching - Various Locations (£200k).

iv. Named Carriageway Resurfacing/ Reconstruction Schemes (Reserve).

<i>Road</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Extent</i>
St Johns Road	C	Gourock	Full Length
Ardgowan Street	U	Greenock	Nelson Street to Robertson Street
Braeside Road	U	Greenock	Flatterton Road to Davaar Road
Cardross Crescent & Shandon Place	U	Greenock	Full Length
Auchenfoil Road	B	Kilmacolm	At Carseknowe to Burnbank Road
Bardrainney Avenue	U	Port Glasgow	Auchenbothie Road to Moss Road
Glasgow Road	U	Port Glasgow	Selected Lengths

7.0 RAMP FOOTWAY PROGRAMME

7.1 The priority investment programme for footways/footpaths has been determined through analysis of available information comprising: route classification (amenity, use), local route knowledge with regard to defective lengths of footway/footpath, evidence of defects, number of complaints, accidents statistics, liability claims, and public, Councillor, and other requests. Particular emphasis is given to the route classification, and local route knowledge of Council Technical staff. Future determination is based on the Roads Asset Management Policy. Schemes are listed alphabetically by town.

i. Named Footway/ Footpath Resurfacing/ Reconstruction Schemes (£293k)

<i>Road</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Extent</i>
Royal Street	U	Gourock	Full Length (West Side)
Shore Street	A	Gourock	Selected Lengths (West Side)
Staffa Street	U	Gourock	Full Length (South Side)
Tantallon Avenue	U	Gourock	From Dunvegan Avenue to Doune Gardens (North Side)
Finnart Street	U	Greenock	Fox Street to Madeira Street (South Side) & Robertson Street to Campbell Street (North Side)
Octavia Terrace	U	Greenock	Number 79 to Newark Street (East Side)
Glen Douglas Road	U	Greenock	Selected Lengths (East & North Sides)
Glen Fruin Road	U	Greenock	Selected Lengths (Both Sides)
Grant Street	U	Greenock	Full Length (Both Sides)
Knockbuckle Road	U	Kilmacolm	Lochwinnoch Road to Park Road (Both Sides)
Dubbs Road	C	Port Glasgow	Boglestone Roundabout to Crosshill Road (West Side)
Glasgow Road	U	Port Glasgow	At Woodhall Station (North Side)

ii. Footway/Footpath Large Patching at Various Locations (£30k)

iii. Named Footway/ Footpath Resurfacing/ Reconstruction Schemes (Reserve)

<i>Road</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Extent</i>
Cloch Road	A	Gourock	Dunvegan Avenue to Faulds Park (North Side)
Garvie Avenue	U	Greenock	Reservoir Road to Larkfield Road (Both Sides)
Regent Street	C	Greenock	Lynedoch Street to Roxburgh Street (South Side)
Renton Road	U	Greenock	Leven Road to Luss Avenue (North Side)

8.0 RAMP LIGHTING PROGRAMME

8.1 The delivery of the RAMP street lighting programme continues on from the works carried out in previous years, and concerns column replacement and lantern replacement on a priority basis.

The proposed priority investment is noted in the table below.

i. Column Replacement (£648k)

<i>Road</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Project Extent</i>
Column Replacement Contracts	All	Gourock Greenock Inverkip Kilmacolm Port Glasgow Wemyss Bay	Replacement of life expired columns (750 number approx.)
Ad-Hoc Column Replacement (via Lighting Maintenance Contract)	All	All	Replacement of accident damaged columns as required, and other urgent column works where arising

9.0 RAMP STRUCTURES PROGRAMME

9.1 The proposed programme of works for structures addresses the requirement to replace and/or replenish specific structural elements which in general have become dilapidated due to their age or which have been rendered unfit for purpose due to changes in legislation. The proposed priority investment is noted in the table below. Schemes are listed alphabetically by town.

i. Structures Schemes (£309k)

<i>Road/ Bridge</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Project Extent</i>
Cardwell Road Rail Bridge	A	Gourock	Waterproofing and Installation of High Kerbs
Cloch Road	A	Gourock	Installation of Retaining Walls at Lunderston Bay; Part Funded by SPT
Newton Street Structure	U	Greenock	Investigation and Strength Assessment
Auchenfolye Bridge (Old)	U	Kilmacolm	Scour Protection & Parapet Strengthening
Bogston Ramp	U	Port Glasgow	Parapet Replacement and Structural Repairs

ii. Structures Schemes (Reserve)

<i>Road/ Bridge</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Project Extent</i>
Lynedoch Street	U	Greenock	Replacement Culvert to Eastern Line of Falls
Glenmill Bridge	U	Kilmacolm	Bridge Widening
Chapleton Bridge	U	Port Glasgow	Bridge Widening; Part Funded by SPT.

10.0 RAMP OTHER ASSETS PROGRAMME

- 10.1 The proposed programme of works for other assets which includes drainage, signs & road markings, vehicle barriers, addresses the requirement to replace and/or replenish specific asset elements which in general have become dilapidated due to their age or which have been rendered unfit for purpose due to changes in legislation. Traffic Measures allows for traffic improvements such as traffic calming measures. The proposed priority investment is noted in the table below. Schemes are listed alphabetically by town.

i. Other Asset Schemes (£120k)

<i>Road/ Asset</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Project Extent</i>
Drainage	All	Various	Various improvements
Signs & Road Markings	All	Various	Various improvements
Vehicle Restraint Systems	All	Various	Various improvements
George Road/Stevens Place	U	Gourock	Installation of Buildouts to Improve Junction Visibility
Dunlop Street	B	Greenock	Traffic Calming Measures
Lyle Road	U	Greenock	Traffic Calming Measures
Traffic Calming Priority List	All	Various	Other Traffic Calming Measures
Minor Safety Measures	All	Various	As required/requested

11.0 ROADS CORE FUNDING – CYCLING, WALKING & SAFER STREETS

- 11.1 The proposed programme of works for the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) meets the requirements of the government funding allocation and is prioritised to expand the off-road cycling asset within Inverclyde, improve the walking journey to school and enhance pedestrian safety on the local road network in keeping with national guidance. The proposed priority investment is noted in the table below. Schemes are listed alphabetically by town.

i. CWSS Schemes (£107k)

<i>Road</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Project Extent</i>
N753 Cycle Track	U	Gourock	Widening at Cloch Road
Sinclair Street	U	Greenock	Footway installation at Sinclair Street Rail Bridge
Build Outs	U	Greenock	Installation of Buildouts to Improve Junction Visibility at Robertson Street/Newton Street & Robertson Street /South Street
School Working Group Requests	All	Various	Minor Safety Measures
Dropped Kerbs	All	Various	Improvements to Crossing Points

12.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

12.1 One-off costs:

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed spend this report (£000s)	Virement from	Other comments
Capital	RAMP	2019/20	3,110		CWSS Scottish Government Grant
Capital	Roads Core	2019/20	107		
			3,217 Total		

12.2 Annually recurring costs:

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed spend this report (£000s)	Virement from	Other comments
N/A					

Legal

12.3 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Human Resources

12.4 There are no specific HR implications arising from this report.

Equalities

12.5 As this report does not involve a new policy or a new strategy, there are no equalities issues arising.

Repopulation

12.6 The quality of the roads network is an influencing factor in the perception which people have of the area and therefore it is important that the Council optimises its limited spend on roads maintenance and as such the work generated by this report will have a positive benefit to the Council's Repopulation Strategy.

13.0 CONSULTATIONS

13.1 The Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal & Property Services, and the Corporate Procurement Manager have been consulted on the contents of this report.

14.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

14.1 None.