

Report To: Environment & Regeneration Committee **Date:** 3 March 2022

Report By: Interim Director, Environment & Regeneration **Report No:** ERC/RT/GMcF/18.631

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Subject: Roads & Transportation – Proposed RAMP/Capital Programme for 2022/23

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 2022/23 using RAMP/Capital Funding and a grant offer of funding by the Scottish Government for Cycling, Walking and Safer Routes Projects.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 This is the final year of the approved 5 year Roads Asset Management Strategy for 2018/23. This report is to advise the Committee of the proposed RAMP/Capital expenditure and core projects for 2022/23 (excluding CWSR Grant Funding) amounting to a value of £2,886m.
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3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Committee approve the list detailed below for the 2022/23 RAMP/Capital and CWSR grant aided roads related projects.
- 3.2 That the Committee grant 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 – 2021/22 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 2022/23 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 CWSR 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 £3,226m funding is as detailed in the table below.

<i>Outline Programme</i>	<i>2022/23 (£000s)</i>
<i>RAMP</i>	
Carriageways (refer 6.0)	1,600
Footways (refer 7.0)	250
Structures (refer 8.0)	250
Lighting (refer 9.0)	300
Other Assets (refer 10.0)	150
Fees & Staffing	336
<i>Roads Core Funding</i>	
Cycling Walking & Safer Streets (refer 11.0)	340
Total	3,226

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 Previously Approved & Works Deferred to 2022/23 (£140k).

<i>Road</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Extent</i>
A770 Brougham Street	A	Greenock	Grey Place to 20m east of the Overbridge
Old Largs Road	C	Greenock	Darndaff to Scottish Water Access Road
Tobago Street	U	Greenock	Sir Michael Street to King Street

ii. Named Carriageway Resurfacing/ Reconstruction Schemes New for 2022/23 (£1,010k).

<i>Road</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Extent</i>
Broomberry Drive	U	Gourock	School to Barrhill Road
Carnoustie Avenue	U	Gourock	Gleneagles Drive to No. 49
Moorfoot Drive	U	Gourock	Kirn Drive to Firth Crescent
Ardgowan Street	U	Greenock	Robertson Street to Forsyth Street
Carwood Street	U	Greenock	Ratho Street to No. 60
Drumfrochar Road	U	Greenock	Lynedoch Street to Food Hub
Eldon Street	A	Greenock	No. 64 to No. 97
Neil Street	U	Greenock	Munro Street to Fergus Road
Ratho Street	C	Greenock	Oakfield Terrace to Belville Street
Sir Michael Street	U	Greenock	Full Length
South Street	U	Greenock	Newton Street to Fox Street
A761 Bridge of Weir Road	A	Kilmacolm	Rowantreehill to Houston Road
Quarry Drive	U	Kilmacolm	Full Length
Craigbet Road	C	Quarriers	Craigends Road to Bridge
Ardgowan Road	U	Wemyss Bay	Lomond Road to End

iii. Carriageway Large & Structural Patching - Various Locations (£300k).

<i>Road</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Extent</i>
A770 Cloch Road	A	Gourock	At Lighthouse
A770 Shore Street	A	Gourock	St Johns Road to King Street
Drumshantie Road	U	Gourock	Drumshantie Terrace to Hall
Tower Drive	U	Gourock	Fletcher Ave to Ivy Crescent
Auchmead Road	U	Greenock	Patching
Blairmore Road	U	Greenock	Junction with B788

Clarence Street	U	Greenock	Hood Street to Patrick Street
Crawfurd Street	U	Greenock	Clarence St to Garage
Cumberland Road	U	Greenock	Patching
Manor Crescent	U	Greenock	Caledonia Crescent to Burnside Road
Sinclair Street	U	Greenock	Bridge to A8
Thom Street	U	Greenock	Columba St to Old Inverkip Rd
Weymouth Crescent	U	Greenock	Full Length
Main Street	U	Inverkip	Cameron Place to Station Road
Boglestone Roundabout to Southfield Avenue Link	U	Port Glasgow	Full Length
Parkhill Avenue	C	Port Glasgow	Heggies Avenue to No. 11 (Half Carriageway)

vi. Carriageway (and Footway/Footpath) Works – Participatory Budgeting Process (£150k)

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

<i>Road</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Extent</i>
Balloch Road	U	Greenock	Fintry Road to Renton Road
Branchton Road	U	Greenock	Selected sections
Burnside Road	U	Greenock	Full Length
Drumfrochar Road	B	Greenock	Cornhaddock Road to Peat Road
Forfar Road	U	Greenock	Selected Sections
Newark Street	U	Greenock	Octavia Terrace to West Junction with Wood Street
Belmont Road	U	Kilmacolm	Selected sections
Glasgow Road	U	Port Glasgow	Kelburn Terrace to Heggies Avenue
Inellan Road	U	Wemyss Bay	Full Length
Toward Road	U	Wemyss Bay	Full Length

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 Previously Approved & Works Deferred to 2022/23 (£140k).

<i>Road</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Extent (Both Sides of Road Unless Otherwise Noted)</i>
Dunrobin Drive	U	Gourock	Full length (Both Sides)
Tower Drive	U	Gourock	Fronting No 58 to No 70 (at the Shops)
Glen Street	U	Greenock	Fox Street to Johnston Street (Both Sides)

Merlin Avenue	U	Greenock	Finch to Mallard (South Side)
Regent Street	C	Greenock	Lynedoch Street to Roxburgh Street (South Side)
Sinclair Street	U	Greenock	A8 to Rail Bridge
Wren Road	U	Greenock	Mavis Road to Shops (East Side)
Gryffe Road	U	Kilmacolm	Houston Road to Bridge of Weir Road (Both Sides, Selected Sections)
Lochwinnoch Road	B	Kilmacolm	Knockbuckle Road to Castlehill Road (North Side)
Park Road	U	Kilmacolm	Knockbuckle Road to Castlehill Road (Both Sides)
Alderbrae Road	U	Port Glasgow	Alderwood Crescent to No 24 (North Side)

ii. Named Footway/ Footpath Resurfacing/ Reconstruction Schemes New for 2022/23 (£80k).

<i>Road</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Extent</i>
Carnoustie Avenue	U	Gourock	Gleneagles Drive to No 49 (Both Sides)
Newark Street	C	Greenock	Fort Matilda Station to Drums Terrace (South Side)
West Glen Road	U	Kilmacolm	High Street to Barrs Brae (Both Sides)

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

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

<i>Road</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Extent</i>
Ashton Road	A	Gourock	Riverside
Shore Street	A	Gourock	Church Street to John Street (Shop side)
Bank Street	U	Greenock	Roxburgh Street to Hay Street (East Side)
Eldon Street	C	Greenock	Esplanade to Wood Street (South Side), and Esplanade to North Street (North Side)
Kelly Street	U	Greenock	Both sides Houston Street to Union Street
Kilmacolm Road	B	Greenock	New Development to Leven Road (North Side)
Newton Street	U	Greenock	Campbell St to Forsyth Street (South Side)
Rankin Street	U	Greenock	Full Length (North Side)
Renton Road	U	Greenock	Leven Road to Balfour Road (Both Sides)
Robertson Street	U	Greenock	Newton Street to Finnart Street (Both Sides)
Rose Street	U	Greenock	Full Length (North Side)
Lochwinnoch Road	B	Kilmacolm	Belmont Road to B788 Auchenfoil Road (West Side)
Nursery Grove	U	Kilmacolm	Full Length (Both Sides)
Clune Brae	A	Port Glasgow	Selected lengths
Court Road	U	Port Glasgow	Bay Street to End (North Side)
Cumbrae Avenue	U	Port Glasgow	Full length (Both Sides)
Lomond Road	U	Wemyss Bay	Selected Sections

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 on a priority basis. The proposed priority investment is noted in the table below.

i. Column Replacement (£300k).

<i>Road</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Project Extent</i>
Column Replacement	All	All	Works to replace life expired columns, including replacement of ad-hoc damaged columns via Lighting Maintenance Contract

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 (£250k).

<i>Road/ Bridge</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Project Extent</i>
Lochwinnoch Road Footbridge	B	Kilmacolm	Resurface deck of footbridge, and replace the bridge bearings.
Lochwinnoch Road Rail	U	Kilmacolm	Replacing damaged stone work and pointing bridge.
Minor Retaining Wall Repairs	-	Various	Inspect, design and construction
Minor Bridge Repairs	-	Various	Inspect, design and construction

ii. Structures Schemes (Reserve).

<i>Road/ Bridge</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Project Extent</i>
Lynedoch Street	U	Greenock	Design, construction and replacement of the culvert on the Eastern Line of Falls
Glenmill Bridge	U	Kilmacolm	Widen existing bridge

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 (£150k).

<i>Road/ Asset</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Project Extent</i>
Kilmacolm Car Park	-	Kilmacolm	Design of Car Park
Drainage	All	Various	Various improvements
Minor Safety Measures	All	Various	Various improvements
Signs & Road Markings	All	Various	Various improvements
Traffic Calming Priority List	All	Various	Traffic Calming Measures

Vehicle Restraint Systems & Other Barriers	All	Various	Various improvements
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11.0 ROADS CORE FUNDING – CYCLING, WALKING & SAFER ROUTES

11.1 The proposed programme of works for the Cycling, Walking and Safer Routes (CWSR) 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. CWSR Schemes (£340k).

<i>Road</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Project Extent</i>
West Blackhall Street		Greenock	Street scape and cycle infrastructure
N75 Cycle Track	-	Greenock	Sinclair Street to A8
N75 Cycle Track	-	Greenock	Waterfront to Cartsburn Roundabout
N75 Cycle Track	-	Port Glasgow	Mirren Shore Improvements
Dropped Kerbs	All	Various	Improvements to Pedestrian Accessibility
School Working Group Requests	All	Various	Minor Safety Measures Around Schools

ii. CWSR Schemes (reserve).

<i>Road</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Project Extent</i>
N75 Cycle Track		Gourock	Improvements from Gourock Station to Battery Park
N75 Cycle Track		Greenock	Cartsburn Roundabout to James Watt Dock
N75 Cycle Track		Port Glasgow	Kingston Dock to Port Glasgow
N75 Cycle Track		Various	Improvements to route from Lady Octavia to Kilmacolm

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	2022/23	2,886		CWSR Scottish Government Grant
Capital	Roads Core	2022/23	340		
			3,226 Total		

12.2 Annually recurring costs:

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

(a) Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES
X	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

	YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
X	NO

(c) Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.
X	NO

12.6 **Repopulation**

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 BACKGROUND PAPERS

14.1 None.