Date: 16 December 2016

Subject: GM Local Growth Deal – Salford Bolton Network Improvement Programme: Loxham Street Pinch Point Full Approval and Funding Drawdown


PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Combined Authority of the outcome of the recently completed Gateway Review for Salford Bolton Network Improvement Bolton Delivery Package 2 scheme (Loxham Street Pinch Point) and to recommend that this Delivery Package is granted Full Approval and that £2.008 million is released from the Local Growth Deal to enable the delivery of the works.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Members are recommended to:

(i) Grant Full Approval for the Salford Bolton Network Improvement Bolton Delivery Package 2.

(ii) Grant the release of funding of £2.008 million from the Local Growth Deal to enable the delivery of Bolton Delivery Package 2.

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RISK/ FINANCIAL/ LEGAL CONSEQUENCES/DETAILS

Risk Management – The programme has a fully quantified risk register and risk mitigation actions are identified and proactively managed.

Legal Considerations – A Delivery Agreement with Bolton Council and the GMCA will be entered into to deliver the works set out in the report, subject to the cost being within the scheme budget.

Financial Consequences – Revenue – N/A

Financial Consequences – Capital – As detailed in the recommendations above drawdown of £2.008 million from the Local Growth Deal is requested to enable the delivery of Bolton Delivery Package 2.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

There are no background papers.

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AGMA Commission TfGMC Scrutiny Pool
No No No
1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1.1 The Salford Bolton Network Improvements (SBNI) scheme is part of the Growth and Reform package of works and is being delivered in the form of a number of Delivery Packages. Each package comprises of a series of interventions which focus on improvements to junction layouts, pedestrian access provisions, bus priority measures and cycle infrastructure which have been developed in collaboration with Salford City Council and Bolton Council. The SBNI scheme has an overall budget from Local Growth Deal funding of £39.665 million.

1.2 The requirement to undertake Gateway Reviews is set out within the Growth Deal Major Capital Programme Guidance.

1.3 The Conditional Approval business case for the Salford Bolton Network Improvement programme was approved, in line with the agreed Growth Deal governance arrangements, in February 2016.

1.4 This report advises of the outcome of the recently completed Gateway Review for SBNI Bolton Delivery Package 2 (Loxham Street Pinch Point). The report recommends that this scheme is granted Full Approval and requests the release of funding of £2.008 million from the Local Growth Deal to enable the delivery of the works.

2. SALFORD BOLTON NETWORK IMPROVEMENT: BOLTON DELIVERY PACKAGE 2 LOXHAM STREET PINCH POINT – FULL APPROVAL

2.1 Bolton Delivery Package 2 – Loxham Street Pinch Point comprises of three interventions each of which seeks to improve an individual junction to make it operate more efficiently in terms of traffic flows and enhance facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. Bolton Council will be responsible for managing these works with project management support and oversight provided by TfGM.

2.2 A Full Approval business case for Bolton Delivery Package 2 was submitted for Gateway Review in October 2016. This review was undertaken using the Full Approval Gateway Review criteria.

2.3 Overall the required criteria for the project to proceed were considered to have been met and Full Approval for this element of the scheme was recommended.

2.4 Following the conclusion of the Gateway Review, the proposals have gone through the necessary endorsement / approval process, as provided for by the agreed GM Local Growth Deal governance arrangements.
2.5 In light of the above, the Combined Authority is now requested to grant Full Approval for Bolton Delivery Package 2.

2.6 Subject to the receipt of the required approvals, it is intended that substantive main contract works will commence on site early in 2017.

3. **SALFORD BOLTON NETWORK IMPROVEMENT: BOLTON DELIVERY PACKAGE 2 LOXHAM STREET PINCH POINT – FUNDING REQUIREMENTS**

3.1 The current forecast for the whole of the works in Bolton Delivery Package 2 – Loxham Street pinch point is £2.608 million, inclusive of QRA. To maintain the critical path for Bolton Delivery Package 2 an advance drawdown of £0.6 million has previously been secured to progress key scheme development activities ahead of Full Approval.

3.2 This paper therefore requests a funding drawdown of £2.008 million from the Local Growth Deal resources in order to enable the delivery of Bolton Delivery Package 2 – Loxham Street Pinch Point.

4. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.1 A full set of recommendations appears at the front of this report.

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