

Date: 26 June 2020

Subject: GMCA Local Growth Deal and Mayor’s Challenge Fund Scheme Approvals – A5063 Trafford Road (Salford)

Report of: Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, Portfolio Lead for Transport and Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive Officer, GMCA & TfGM.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To request the granting of Full Approval for the A5063 Trafford Road (Salford) Scheme and approve the associated release to Salford City Council of £9.518 million Local Growth Deal funding and £4.832 million Mayor’s Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund resources to enable the delivery of the scheme.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The GMCA is requested to Grant Full Approval for the A5063 Trafford Road (Salford) Scheme and approve the associated funding release to Salford City Council of the remaining £9.518 million of the total £10.5 million Local Growth Deal funding and £4.832 million of Mayor’s Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund resources to enable the delivery of the scheme.

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Equalities Implications:

Salford City Council is committed to ensuring that the needs of those disadvantaged or vulnerable in society are carefully considered and included for within the Trafford Road Improvement scheme. The specific needs of people with impaired mobility have been developed in consultation with TfGM's Disability Design Reference Group and has included design measures and amendments resulting from feedback from these meetings.

Climate Change Impact Assessment and Mitigation Measures:

The Growth Deal Transport programme objectives are to introduce measures to enable economic growth within Greater Manchester. The Trafford Road scheme includes measures to encourage increases in active travel, thereby positively influencing climate change.

Risk Management:

Risk management considerations are referred in paragraph 2.5 of the report.

Legal Considerations:

Legal Considerations are referenced in paragraph 2.2 of the report.

Financial Consequences – Revenue:

Financial Consequences – Revenue, are referenced in paragraphs 2.2 to 2.9 of the report.

Financial Consequences – Capital:

Financial Consequences – Capital, are referenced in paragraphs 2.2 to 2.9 of the report.

Number of attachments to the report: None

Comments/recommendations from Overview & Scrutiny Committee

N/A

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None.

TRACKING/PROCESS		
Does this report relate to a major strategic decision, as set out in the GMCA Constitution		Yes
EXEMPTION FROM CALL IN		
Are there any aspects in this report which means it should be considered to be exempt from call in by the relevant Scrutiny Committee on the grounds of urgency?		N/A
GM Transport Committee	Overview & Scrutiny Committee	
N/A	N/A	

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Local Growth Deal announcements made by Government in July 2014, January 2015 and November 2016 confirmed capital funding for Greater Manchester in relation to a programme of Major Schemes, Minor Works and Additional Priorities. (Growth Deal 1, 2 and 3).
- 1.2 This report provides a brief update on the A5063 Trafford Road major scheme, which is being promoted by Salford City Council; advises on the outcome of the recently completed Gateway Review; and recommends that Full Approval is granted, along with the release of the required funding from Local Growth Deal and Mayor's Challenge Fund budgets to enable delivery of the scheme.

2 FULL APPROVAL

- 2.1 The A5063 Trafford Road Improvement scheme is a package of measures to support access to Salford Quays, which introduces improved optimisation at signalised junctions, provides additional traffic lanes to assist turning traffic and improves facilities for both pedestrians and cyclists. The scheme has been developed in conjunction with TfGM's Cycling and Walking Team and in line with the design principles of the Mayors Challenge Fund for Walking and Cycling. The scheme will:

- Improve journey times to the Quays for all road-based transport including buses and delivery vehicles;
- Increase connectivity to neighbouring areas through improved pedestrian/cyclist crossing points e.g. to/from Ordsall;
- Improve provision for active travel through the incorporation of enhanced public realm and fully segregated cycle facilities funded through MCF;
- Remove barriers to movement; and
- Provide a key strategic link as part of the Bee Network.

- 2.2 In line with the agreed governance arrangements for the GM Local Growth Deal, the Full Approval Business Case was submitted for Gateway funding approval in February 2020. The Gateway Review included consideration of legal, risk, financial (both capital and revenue) and strategic fit consequences. Overall the required criteria for the construction works to proceed were considered to have been met. This review also included a thorough examination of the value for money assessment with the scheme demonstrating 'very high' value for money.

- 2.3 Following the conclusion of the Gateway Review, the proposals have gone through the necessary endorsement/approval process, as provided for by the aforementioned Local Growth Deal governance arrangements.
- 2.4 A construction contract has been tendered by Salford City Council through the Manchester City Council Framework and the award of the contract will take place in due course, subject to receipt of Full Approval and the associated release of funding. A Delivery Agreement between Salford Council, GMCA and TfGM will be entered into to facilitate delivery of the works. Subject to the necessary approvals being secured, contract award is scheduled for Summer 2020. Salford City Council are in discussion with the preferred contractor to ensure all Covid-19 guidelines are met.
- 2.5 A thorough review of the cost plan for the scheme was undertaken as part of the Gateway Review process. It was concluded that the cost plan is robust and that the project, including an appropriate allowance for risk and contingency, is affordable within the overall scheme budget. Salford City Council have made additional allowances within the scheme risk budget as a result of required changes to methods of working to ensure all Covid-19 guidelines are met.
- 2.6 The funding request illustrated in the table below represents the specific budget and funding allocated to this element of the overall Growth Deal programme.

A5063 Trafford Road Growth Deal Funding	Outline Business Case	Full Business Case	Total
	(£ million)		
Growth Deal	-	10.5	10.5
Total Growth Deal budget		10.5	10.5
GMCA approval to date	0.982	-	0.982
Approval request this paper	-	9.518	9.518
Total Growth Deal Funding	0.982	9.518	10.500

- 2.7 The Growth Deal funding is a fixed contribution to the scheme, which has a forecast total cost of £19.832 million with risk and contingency held by Salford City Council as part of the Local Authority funding for the scheme.
- 2.8 The Trafford Road improvement scheme is also part funded by Salford City Council and the Mayor's Challenge Fund. The total funding for the scheme is shown in the table below:

Funding	£'000
Growth Deal Funding	10,500
Salford City Council Funding	4,500
Mayor's Challenge Fund (MCF)	4,832
Total Funding	19,832

2.9 The MCF funding contribution has been subject to the necessary design checks and approvals as set out in the agreed MCF governance process. To that end a funding paper was submitted to and agreed at the 15 May meeting of the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Board. This funding approval is consistent with the position set out in the MCF Prioritisation paper approved by GMCA on 5 May 2020.

3 FUNDING RELEASE APPROVAL

3.1 As a result of the outcome of the Gateway Review, it is recommended that the Combined Authority grant Full Approval for the scheme and the associated release of the remaining £9.518 million Growth Deal funding and £4.832 million from the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund required to deliver these works.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Recommendations are set out at the front of this report.

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