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Subject: GMCA Local Growth Deal Funding Approvals - Transport

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek expenditure approval for the latest phases of the Salford Bolton Network Improvement Programme and the Minor Works Programme.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The GMCA is requested to:

1. Approve the payment of grants of £2.409 million to Bolton Council in relation to the delivery of the Salford Bolton Network Improvement Programme – Bolton Delivery Package 5 scheme (Newport Street/Trinity Street junction and the Newport Street Interchange site as part of the Manchester Road Gateway scheme) as set out in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.7; and
2. Approve the funding of up to £0.546 million for the Manchester School Access Improvements Minor Works Scheme as set out in paragraphs 2.8 to 2.11.

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Equalities Implications:

The Growth Deal Transport programme is managed in line with current legislation and assessments are carried out by the promoters of each scheme.

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 programme contains measures to enable growth to be accommodated through improvements to the public transport network and to encourage increases in active travel, thereby positively influencing climate change.

Risk Management:

Risk management considerations are referred in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.11 of the report.

Legal Considerations:

Legal Considerations are referenced in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.11 of the report.

Financial Consequences – Revenue:

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Financial Consequences – Capital:

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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	

<p>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?</p>	<p>N/A</p>	
<p>GM Transport Committee</p>	<p>Overview & Scrutiny Committee</p>	
<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	

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 seeks expenditure approval of £2.409 million for the Salford Bolton Network Improvement Programme Bolton Delivery Package 5 (Newport Street/Trinity Street junction and the Newport Street Interchange site as part of the Manchester Road Gateway scheme), and £0.546 million for the Manchester School Access Improvements Minor Works Scheme.

2 SCHEME APPROVAL UPDATE

Salford Bolton Network Improvement Programme Bolton DP 5 (Newport Street/Trinity Street Junction and the Newport Street Interchange Site) (£2.409 million)

- 2.1 Conditional Approval for the Salford Bolton Network Improvement Programme Major Scheme was granted in February 2016, in line with the agreed Growth Deal governance arrangements. Subsequent to Conditional Approval the programme has been split into a number of Delivery Packages (DP's) which have been/will be subject to separate Full Approval submissions. Approval for those Delivery Packages over £0.5 million is brought to GMCA for expenditure approval, in line with agreed Growth Deal governance arrangements.
- 2.2 Bolton DP5 represents a collection of junction upgrades in close proximity to Bolton town centre. The scheme involves the implementation of two Cycle Optimised Protected Signals (CYCLOPS) junctions at the Manchester Road/Bradshawgate/Trinity Street and Newport Street/Trinity Street junction with full segregation for cyclists and pedestrians. The scheme also includes capacity improvements at the adjacent A666/St Peters Way and Bury Road / Crompton Way junctions.
- 2.3 Bolton DP 5 is being delivered by Bolton Council using the Bolton Council Highways Framework. As with previous Delivery Packages, a Delivery Agreement between Bolton Council, GMCA and TfGM will be entered into to facilitate delivery of the works. In order to minimise disruption to the travelling public Bolton DP 5 is being delivered utilising a phased approach.
- 2.4 The table below details the phases which are included in Bolton DP 5 along with forecast delivery dates and current scheme status. Because tender prices, which are received from the Bolton Council's Highway Framework, are time limited it is not possible to tender all of the works involved in future phases at this stage. Therefore, future DP 5 delivery phase funding approvals will be sought from the GMCA once tender prices have been secured for remaining junctions.

Intervention	Forecast Delivery Dates	Scheme Status
Phase 1: Crompton Way	February 2020 – Summer 2020	In Construction
Phase 2: Newport Street	Spring 2020 – Winter 2020	Seeking funding drawdown to move into construction
Phase 3: St Peter's Way	Autumn 2020 – Winter 2020	Detailed design
Phase 4: Bradshawgate	Winter 2020 – Summer 2021	Detailed design

- 2.5 Full Approval for Bolton DP 5 was provided by GMCA in November 2019 and Phase 1 works commenced on site in February 2020 at the Bury Road/Crompton Way junction. Those works are expected to be completed in summer 2020.
- 2.6 Phase 2 of Bolton DP5 includes the Newport Street/Trinity Street junction and the redevelopment of the former Newport Street Interchange. The works at the junction comprises; the installation of a CYCLOPS junction, segregated cycle lanes and new traffic signal infrastructure and pedestrian facilities. The works on the former Newport Street Interchange consist of; the demolition of the existing shelter structure and remodelling of the site to incorporate taxi and general vehicle pick-up/drop off, the installation of a segregated cycle lane and the creation of additional public realm outside of Bolton Rail Station. The works on the former Newport Street Interchange are subject to Bolton obtaining planning permission and third party land consents. The former interchange is no longer in regular use and was closed off to the public in 2019.
- 2.7 The Business Case for Bolton DP 5 was approved as part of the aforementioned Full Approval process for the scheme. The Business Case review included consideration of legal, risk, financial (both capital and revenue) and strategic fit consequences. The opportunity has been taken to introduce additional scope in relation to the former Newport Street Interchange site scheme, due to the achievement of savings within the Delivery Package during the design and procurement stages. These additional works are aligned with the objectives set out in the DP 5 Business Case and have also strengthened the value for money of the scheme, which now has a Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) of 2.62.

Manchester School Access Improvements (£0.546 million)

- 2.8 The Manchester Schools Access Improvements programme as a whole aims to improve school crossing points identified across Manchester. The identified points/locations have been rated high and medium risk, and it is important to reduce these school crossing points to low risk. The Growth Deal School Access Improvements Scheme will contribute towards 5 of the identified school crossing points.
- 2.9 By working closely with the schools, appropriate improvements have been designed at the specific location of each crossing which aim to, reduce the speed that traffic can move near to and around the school, increase the visibility of the crossing and stop drivers parking on or near the crossing.
- 2.10 These measures will help to make schools and neighbourhoods much safer environments and reduce the likelihood of accidents happening.
- 2.11 The scheme is rated very high value for money, with a Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) of 7.4.

3 EXPENDITURE APPROVALS

3.1 The table below sets out the expenditure approvals requested for the Salford Bolton Network Improvement Programme and the Manchester School Access Improvements Minor works schemes:

Scheme Promoter	Scheme	Growth Deal funding £'000
TfGM	Salford Bolton Network Improvement Programme Delivery Package 5 (Newport Street/Trinity Street junction and the Newport Street Interchange site as part of the Manchester Road Gateway scheme)	2,409
Manchester	School Access Improvements	546

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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