

Decision Notice

Decision Title: City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement: A4 Portway Corridor – change request

Decision Date: 20/12/2023

Decision Reference Number: INF_2023_0002

Decision Taken

- 1) To approve with conditions the re-profiling of £54,545.45 of the Full Business Case allocation for spend in the 23/24 FY to commence detailed design
- 2) To approve with conditions an additional £143,839.06 of the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements (CRSTS) allocation for the Portway to be spent on the Outline Business Case (OBC).

Reasons for the Decision

Bristol City Council (BCC) requested to draw down £54,545.45 of funds from the project budget. This is to enable the project to commence detailed designs for the project as soon as the preliminary design is completed. This is prior to the Outline Business Case approval in March 2024. The reasoning for this is to enable the project to continue to progress at risk. This will remove a potential delay of 6 months risk to the project schedule. Public Consultation has been completed and will be factored into the detailed designs. The project will also ensure continued engagement with decision makers on the design.

Bristol City Council requested to draw down £143,839.06 of funds from the project budget. This is to fund design changes and additional topographical work. This is due to multiple suppliers providing the topographical surveys BCC owned the risk of the individual surveys not 'stitching' together seamlessly. To mitigate the risk of this issue, BCC asked one of the topographical survey suppliers to complete a task to combine the surveys. To try and maintain the programme some of the preliminary design work was completed on the individual topographical surveys and subsequently the preliminary designs do not align to the new combined survey. The only option to rectify is to plot the new combined topographical survey points on to the concept designs and re-draw all of the preliminary designs for Design Areas 2, 4, and 6. The project also requires an additional location to be surveyed as a result of the modelling work. It was not possible to predict this at the start of the project.

Authority for the decision

A delegation to the Strategic Director of Infrastructure by West of England Mayoral Combined Authority Committee on the 6th of October to:

“to support timely decision making and delivery, change requests for drawdowns within budget for projects up to the value of £1m within the agreed project allocation, were delegated by the Mayoral Combined Authority Committee to the Mayoral Combined Authority Strategic Director of Infrastructure, in consultation with the Directors of Infrastructure of the constituent Councils in October 2023”

Decision-Taker

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Add Signature:

Position: Strategic Director of Infrastructure

Date: 20/12/2023

In Consultation with: Infrastructure Director from Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol City Council, South Gloucestershire Council and North East Somerset Council.