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22 October 2013

#### MEETING OF TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE

(\*\*To which all Members of Council are invited to attend.)

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Lavery Room (Room G05), City Hall on Monday, 28th October, 2013 at 4.30 pm, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully

PETER McNANEY

**Chief Executive** 

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  - (a) Apologies
  - (b) Declarations of Interest
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# **EASTERN DIVISION**

# **Report to**

# **BELFAST CITY COUNCIL**

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### FOREWORD BY THE DIVISIONAL ROADS MANAGER





Bertie Ellison Divisional Roads Manager

Roy Spiers Deputy Divisional Roads Manager

#### **Members of Belfast City Council**

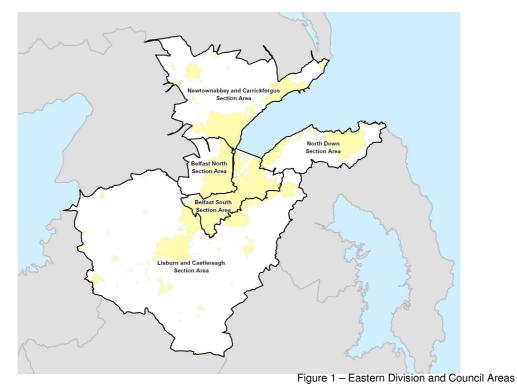
I am pleased to present this report to the Council members. This updates the comprehensive report presented to Council in the spring of this year.

I look forward to our meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> October.

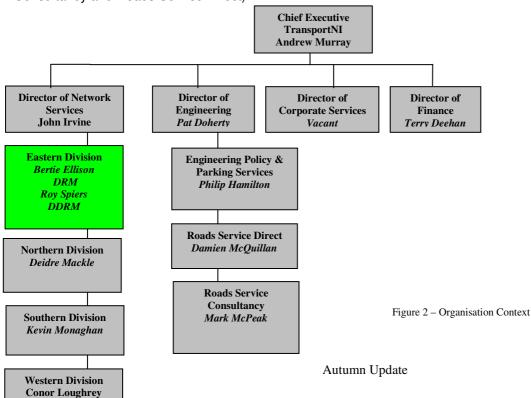
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# **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The Eastern Division is one of 4 Divisions within Roads Service. It spans the local Council areas of Belfast, Carrickfergus, Castlereagh, Lisburn, Newtownabbey and North Down. (See Fig.1 below)



Eastern Division is part of the overall structure of Roads Service (see figure 2 below) which is based on separate business units for those who order services (clients) and for those who provide services (Roads Service Consultancy and Roads Service Direct).



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Basil Hassard (9025 3272) basil.hassard@drdni.gov.uk Strategic Route Improvements

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Maintenance of adopted roads and footways including inspections, resurfacing, drainage, grass cutting and weed control, winter gritting and liaison with the utility companies.

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# 2.0 STRATEGIC ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Principal Engineer acting DDRM - Roy Spiers(9025 3129) roy.spiers@drdni.gov.uk

#### He is supported by the following staff:

Strategic Road Improvement 1- Colin Pentland (9025 3212) colin.pentland@drdni.gov.uk

Colin is responsible for progressing development of the York Street Scheme and is supported by Colin McBurney (9025 3016) Colin Pentland and Basil Hassard are alternatively acting Principal Engineer while Roy Spiers is acting Deputy Divisional Roads Manager.



#### Strategic Road Improvement 2 – Basil Hassard (9025 3272) basil.hassard@drdni.gov.uk

Basil is responsible for development of the A2 Shore Road dual carriageway scheme, the M1 / A1 Link at Sprucefield and the Sydenham By-pass scheme.



### 2.1 YORK STREET INTERCHANGE SCHEME

The Westlink / York Street junction is a key link on the Strategic Road Network that presently connects Westlink and the M2 and M3 motorways through a complex traffic signal controlled gyratory system, which also connects with the local road network. This arrangement (and its high traffic usage) causes significant congestion and long delays, particularly at peak times. The recent improvements to the M1/Westlink and M2 Motorway also mean that traffic is now being delivered much more quickly to this junction.

In March 2009, Roads Service completed the Preliminary Options Report, which assessed six options to grade separate the Westlink / York Street junction and provide direct links between

Westlink and the M2 and M3 motorways. The Report recommended that four preliminary options be taken forward for further detailed consideration at the next stage of development, the Stage 2 Scheme Assessment. This work included a public consultation event into the scheme options at the Ramada Encore Hotel, Belfast.

A Ministerial Announcement was made on the 6 December 2012 outlining the Preferred Option for the York Street Interchange at an event in the Ramada Encore Hotel. This event was attended by a number of elected representatives and key stakeholders. Following this announcement, work has commenced on scheme design and preparation of the Statutory Orders.

The proposal to upgrade the Westlink / York Street junction is being considered as part of the new Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland. The timescale for construction of the new junction will be dependent upon the successful completion of the necessary statutory procedures, an economic appraisal and the provision of funding through the normal budgetary processes.



One of four Preliminary Options to improve York Street Interchange

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### 2.2 A2 SYDENHAM BYPASS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The A2 Sydenham Bypass is one of the most heavily trafficked carriageways in the Belfast Metropolitan Area and forms a vital section of the strategic highway network, linking Bangor and Belfast. The road also provides access to the key gateways of George Best Belfast City Airport, Belfast Port and to several large residential areas. The proposed scheme will widen a 2.5km stretch of the existing A2 Sydenham Bypass from a dual 2-lane carriageway to a dual 3-lane carriageway.

The scheme is currently in the third stage of a three stage assessment process. Stage 1 focused on identifying the environmental, engineering, economic and traffic advantages and disadvantages, as well as the constraints associated with broadly defined improvement strategies. This concluded in the selection of the Proposed Corridor in May 2008. In Stage 2, a detailed assessment of a range of options within the Proposed Corridor was considered. This concluded in the selection of the Preferred Option in February 2010. Stage 3 is currently underway and involves detailed assessment of the Preferred Option and ongoing consultation with key stakeholders. This will result in the completion of the Statutory Orders; the draft Direction Order, Environmental Statement and Notice of Intention to Make a Vesting Order.

The budget for the period to 2015 will allow development work on Stage 3 to continue. Progression of the scheme beyond this is subject to the satisfactory outcome of the statutory process and future years funding.

# 2.3 A55 KNOCK ROAD WIDENING

The public inquiry for this scheme was held in November 2010. The Inspectors' report, received in March 2011, made a number of recommendations and Roads Service carried out further traffic surveys and assessments in consideration of the report. The Inspectors' report and a response to the Inspectors' recommendations has now been considered and included in the Departmental Statement. The Notice of Intention to Proceed and the Direction Order were published in September 2012

The Department proposes to proceed with the scheme, however, there is no funding identified for its implementation before 2015. While funding has not been identified, this is one of several schemes which Roads Service continues to progress to a procurement ready position should additional funding become available.

### **3.0 NETWORK DEVELOPMENT**

Principal Engineer – Stephen Pollock (9025 3071) stephen.pollock@drdni.gov.uk

He is supported by the following staff:

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Bus Priority - Harry Armstrong (9025 3022) harry.armstrong@drdni.gov.uk

This team is responsible for delivery of the Quality Bus Corridor (QBC) programme, other bus priority measures and park and ride.

Forward Planning - Heather Bradley (9025 3164) heather.bradley@drdni.gov.uk

This team is responsible for the development of schemes on the strategic and non-strategic route network through route improvement studies.

It is also developing and progressing the management of the Belfast on the Move Transport Masterplan proposals for Belfast City Centre and is a point of contact for Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan inquiries, Noise Mapping Study and Regeneration Initiatives.







### **3.1 POSSIBLE MINOR WORKS**

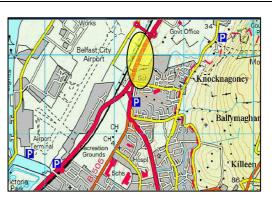
#### 2013/14 Progress Report

Schemes for possible inclusion in future programmes

#### Scheme Name

**Tillysburn junction to Holywood Exchange roundabout.** Provision of approximately 460m length of footway/cycleway. A feasibility study will be carried out to assess the possibility of providing a continuous link for pedestrians and cyclists from Tillysburn Roundabout to Holywood Exchange. Pending the outcome of the study the scheme would have to compete with other schemes for inclusion in any future programme of works. Implementation is then subject to the availability of the necessary land and finance.





Councillors are invited to suggest improvement schemes for consideration and evaluation.

# 3.2 ROUTE IMPROVEMENT STUDIES

The Division is continuing its assessment of the Division's trunk and non-strategic rural routes to improve the safety and efficiency of these routes.

The assessment will include an analysis of;

- Traffic flows, both current and projected;
- Accident history;
- Characteristics of the route in terms of accessibility, integration and economy;
- Environment; and
- The practicality of constructing the schemes and the cost and availability of funds.

In general, route management studies will assess and identify road improvement opportunities along the route including the provision of safer overtaking opportunities, with short sections of climbing lanes or differential acceleration lanes where appropriate; provision of footways or cycle lanes; minor carriageway realignment; right turn provision and junction sightline improvement.

We are currently working on a route management study for the A20 Upper Newtownards Road from the A55 Outer Ring road at Knock to Newtownards. 2.5kms of the 9.5km route under review is within the Belfast City Council area.

# 3.3 MAINTENANCE OF STRUCTURES 2013/14 Progress Report

| Scheme   | Status    |
|--|-----------|
| Principal Inspections  |           |
| Bridge No 20128 – York Road (Confined Space)                     | Completed |
| Bridge No 20139 – Ballysillan Road (Confined Space)              | Completed |
| Bridge No 20142 – Springfield Road (Confined Space)              | Completed |
| Bridge No 20144 – Shore Road Culvert (Confined Space)            | Completed |
| Bridge No 20185 – Newtownards Road / Connswater (Confined Space) | Completed |
| Bridge No 20194 – A2 Belfast Road (Confined Space)               | Completed |
| Bridge No 20205 – Newtownards Road (Confined Space)              | Completed |
| Bridge No 20331 – Stockmans Way (Confined Space)                 | Completed |
| Bridge No 20138 - Mill Avenue                                    | Completed |
| Bridge No 20140 - Forthriver Road                                | Completed |
| Bridge No 20157 - Deacon Street Culvert                          | Completed |
| Bridge No 20171 - Queen Elizabeth Bridge                         | Completed |
| Bridge No 20185 - Newtownards Rd / Connswater                    | Completed |
| Bridge No 20203 - Stoney Road. [A]                               | Completed |
| Bridge No 20204 - Stoney Road. [B]                               | Completed |
| Bridge No 20205 - Newtownards Road                               | Completed |
| Bridge No 20238 - Stockmans Lane North                           | Completed |
| Bridge No 20256 - Kings Bridge                                   | Completed |
| Bridge No 20260 - Loop Bridge                                    | Completed |
| Bridge No 20262 - Bells Bridge                                   | Completed |
| Bridge No 20265 - Sandown Road                                   | Completed |
| Bridge No 20267 - Knock Rd Culvert                               | Completed |
| Bridge No 20333 - Forthriver Primary School                      | Completed |
| Bridge No 26720 - Wellington Place Signal Gantry                 | Completed |
| Bridge No 26730 - Donegall Sq North Signal Gantry                | Completed |
| Bridge No 26735 - Ann Street Signal Gantry                       | Completed |

| Scheme  | Status      |
|---|-------------|
| Bridge No 26750 - York St. Signal Gantry 1  | Completed   |
| Bridge No 26760 - York St. Signal Gantry 2  | Completed   |
| Bridge No 26770 - York St. Signal Gantry 3  | Completed   |
| Bridge No 26780 - M3 Northbound Sign Gantry   | Completed   |
| Bridge No 27065 - Middlepath Street Gantry  | Completed   |
| Bridge No – 20124 - East Bridge Street (Carriageway Span)   | Programmed  |
| Bridge No 20126 - East Bridge Street (Accommodation Span)   | Programmed  |
| Bridge No 20129 - Sunningdale Park  | Programmed  |
| Bridge No 20135 - Islandbawn Street / Clowney River   | Programmed  |
| Bridge No 20174 - Station Street Flyover  | Programmed  |
| Bridge No 20183 - Ballymacarrett Railway Arch   | Programmed  |
| Bridge No 20189 - Sydenham Bypass Footbridge  | Programmed  |
| Bridge No 20190 - Tillysburn Rail Bridge  | Programmed  |
| Bridge No 20195- North Road Bridge  | Programmed  |
| Bridge No 20198 - Belmont Park Footbridge   | Programmed  |
| Bridge No 20222 - Lislea Avenue Footbridge  | Programmed  |
| Bridge No 20234 - Blacks Road Rail Bridge   | Programmed  |
| Bridge No 20246 - Donegall Road Railway Bridge at Roden Street  | Programmed  |
| Bridge No 20247 Abingdon Street Footbridge.   | Programmed  |
| Bridge No 20251 - Lower Windsor Avenue Footbridge   | Programmed  |
| Bridge No 20252 - Lisburn Road / University Road  | Programmed  |
| Bridge No 20253 - Botanic Avenue  | Programmed  |
| Bridge No 20254 - Ormeau Road Rail Bridge   | Programmed  |
| Concrete / Composite Structures   |             |
| Bridge No 20134. Dee Street Bridge. Parapet Replacement and Repairs                                     | Completed   |
| Bridge No. 20169 - Boyne Bridge. Repair to steelwork, repainting and spalled concrete on soffit of deck | Completed   |
| Steel Structures  |             |
| Bridge No 20250. Tate's Avenue (Railway Span). Repainting of beams                                      | In progress |

| Scheme   | Status      |
|--|-------------|
| Masonry Structures   |             |
| Ben Madigan Heights. Construction of new retaining wall                                    | Completed   |
| Bridge No. 20248. Donegall Road at City Hospital Railway Bridge. Repair to masonry parapet | In progress |
| Antrim Road near Ben Madigan Park. Repairs to Retaining Wall                               | Programmed  |

#### **3.4 BELFAST ON THE MOVE**

Bus lanes are now fully operational across Belfast city centre as part of the Belfast On The Move project. The bus lanes are for use by buses, permitted taxis, motorcycles and cycles only between 7am and 7pm Monday to Saturday.



The works were substantially completed on 31 May allowing sufficient time for the changes to 'bed in' over the summer months before the schools returned in September.

Figures show public transport use has increased and traffic flows in the city centre have improved. The Metro passenger journey figures for the first five months (April to August) of 2013/14 show an increase of over 120,000 journeys compared to the same period in 2012/13.

On Donegall Square South - 40-50% of people travelling by road at peak times are in a bus, whilst only 10% of the vehicles on the road are buses.

The Great Victoria Street bus lane carries two thirds of commuters in the am peak, yet it only takes up one half of the available road space.

The Fisherwick Place bus lane carries about one half of commuters and only takes up one of the available 3 lanes, highlighting that the distribution of road space is therefore fully justified in terms of moving people, rather than vehicles.

Prior to the commencement of the works surveys were carried out on traffic flows on all the arterial routes into and through the city centre. Following the completion of the works surveys will be carried out in October 2013 to measure the success of the project. These surveys will include traffic flows, car parking, journey times and bus lane usage. In addition the Department is liaising with Translink in relation to the impact the project has had on public transport services within the city. This will include

passenger numbers, journey times and reliability. The results of the surveys will be published when full analysis has been carried out.

Details of all the works carried out as part of the project can be found on the at 'Belfast on the Move' web site at www.drdni.gov.uk/index/belfastonthemove.htm.

### **3.5 OTHER BUS MEASURES**

| Scheme   | Status   |
|--|--|
| Castlereagh Street – widening near Albertbridge Road junction to facilitate a more efficient traffic flow and assist bus reliability.  | Construction<br>began on 26 <sup>th</sup><br>August 2013                           |
| <text></text>  | Completed in July<br>2013 and now<br>served by Metro                               |
| Black's Road Park & Ride –Extension to P&R site to accommodate approximately 30 - 35 cars.   | Design completed<br>and contractor due<br>to go on site<br>Autumn 2013             |
| Adelaide Street – Amendments proposed to existing bus stops to improve passenger waiting facilities and bus movements.   | Currently being<br>designed with a<br>view to<br>construction<br>during early 2014 |
| East Bridge Street to May Street –With flow bus lane to improve bus speed<br>and reliability –Amendment in legislation to align with other city centre bus<br>lanes from 07.00 -19.00 Mon –Sat | Came into force<br>May 2013  |

# 4.0 NETWORK TRAFFIC AND STREET LIGHTING

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Traffic Management 2 - Graeme Salmon (9025 3026) graeme.salmon@drdni.gov.uk

This team deals with traffic improvement schemes in Lisburn, Castlereagh and North Down and collision remedial schemes in all council areas.

Traffic Management 3 - Paul King (9025 3029) paul.king@drdni.gov.uk

This team is responsible for residents' parking, development of car parking, cycle measures and traffic calming.

Street Lighting - David Wright (9025 3057) david.wright@drdni.gov.uk

This team is responsible for Street Lighting, traffic bollards and the illumination of signs.









# 4.1 COLLISION REMEDIAL SCHEMES 2013/14 Progress Report

| Scheme   | Status      |
|--|-------------|
| Crumlin Road / Ballyutoag Road – high friction surfacing and enhanced signing        | In progress |
| East Bridge Street at Central Station – high friction surfacing and crossing upgrade | In progress |
| Andersonstown Road / Kennedy Way Roundabout – high friction surfacing on approaches  | In progress |

# **4.2 TRAFFIC SCHEMES**

# 2013/14 Progress Report

| Scheme   | Status      |
|--|-------------|
| Belmont Road through village – limited waiting parking | In Progress |
| Springfield Road – upgrade of zebra crossing           | Programmed  |

# **4.3 PEDESTRIAN MEASURES**

| Scheme   | Status      |
|--|-------------|
| Antrim Road at Fortwilliam Park – additional controlled pedestrian phase across Fortwilliam Park | Completed   |
| Lisburn Road at Cranmore Park – puffin crossing  | Programmed  |
| Oldpark Road near Oldpark Terrace – pedestrian crossing  | In Abeyance |
| Oldpark Road at Oldpark Avenue – change zebra crossing to puffin crossing                        | Programmed  |
| Springfield Road at Cupar Street - change zebra crossing to puffin crossing                      | Programmed  |
| Stranmillis Road at roundabout – zebra crossing upgrade  | Programmed  |
| Upper Newtownards Road – dropped kerb scheme   | Completed   |

# 4.4 SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOL

# 2013/14 Progress Report

| Scheme   | Status     |
|--|------------|
| Finaghy Primary School, Finaghy Road South   | Programmed |
| Greenwood Primary School and Bloomfield Collegiate School, Upper<br>Newtownards Road | Programmed |
| Ligoniel Primary School, Ligoniel Road   | Completed  |
| Saint Vincent de Paul Primary School, Ligoniel Road                                  | Completed  |

# **4.5 TRAFFIC SIGNS**

| Scheme  | Status      |
|---|-------------|
| Traffic signs provided to date;   |             |
| Cameronian Drive and Marina Park – 2 no. 'Children/School' signs  | Completed   |
| Divis Street at Westlink off-slip – direction sign  | In Progress |
| Ormeau Road at Saint John's Avenue – pelican crossing warning sign  | In Progress |
| Seaview Drive – 'Children Crossing' sign and 'School' plate   | In Progress |
| Serpentine Road, Ballyroney Hill and Mulderg Drive – 4 no.<br>'Children/playground' signs   | Completed   |
| Shankill Road at Crimea Street and North Howard Street – pelican crossing warning signs   | In Progress |
| Shore Road at Greencastle – 10 no. 'One-way' repeater signs, 4 no. 'Turn left' one way supplementary plates, 2 no. 'Lane merge' signs | In Progress |
| Stewartstown Road at Lenadoon Avenue and Suffolk Avenue – pelican crossing warning signs  | In Progress |
| West Circular Road and Old Cavehill Road – 4 no. 'School Traffic' signs to Cavehill Primary School                                    | Completed   |

# 4.6 CARRIAGEWAY MARKINGS

| Scheme   | Status      |
|--|-------------|
| Carriageway markings provided to date;   |             |
| Alloa Street at entrance to play park - 3 no. sections of pedestrian guard rail                                      | In Progress |
| Arosa Parade at York Road – corner restrictions  | Completed   |
| Beechmount Street at Beechmount Avenue – corner restrictions and 'Give Way' markings                                 | Completed   |
| Boucher Road at Charles Hurst – yellow box junction marking  | Completed   |
| Craven Street – corner restriction   | Completed   |
| Crumlin Road at Ligoniel Road – lay-by parking markings  | In Progress |
| Grand Parade at Orangefield Park – 2 no. section pedestrian guard rail   | Completed   |
| Gresham Street – 'l' bar marking at dropped kerb   | Completed   |
| Hannah Glen Heights at Glen Road – 'Give Way' marking  | In Progress |
| Kings Road – 'yellow box' marking  | Completed   |
| Knocknagoney Road at Tillysburn junction – new guide lines   | In Progress |
| Landscape Terrace (off Crumlin Road) – 'I' bar marking   | Completed   |
| Lockview Road – 'end of parking' marks   | In Progress |
| M1 southbound off-slip at Stockman's Lane – lane guidelines  | Completed   |
| Massey Avenue at Stormont Estate – corner restrictions and bay markings  | Completed   |
| Norfolk Gardens at Norfolk Parade – 'Give Way' marking   | Completed   |
| Prince Andrew Park at Donegall Road – corner restrictions  | Completed   |
| Salisbury Court – corner restrictions  | Completed   |
| Shore Road at Greencastle – 5 no. 'straight ahead' and 1 no. 'turn left' arrows and hazard marking at police station | Completed   |
| Springfield Road near Falls Road – limited waiting   | Completed   |
| Spruce Hill at Glen Road – 'Give Way' marking  | In Progress |
| Station Street at Middlepath Street – Guidelines, lane arrows/markings   | Completed   |

| Scheme   | Status    |
|--|-----------|
| Stoneyford Street – corner restrictions                | Completed |
| Solway Street at Newtownards Road – corner restriction | Completed |
| Suffolk Avenue – 'Give Way' triangle                   | Completed |
| Tennent Street/Hillview Road – corner restrictions     | Completed |
| Upper Riga Street – 'School Keep Clear' marking        | Completed |
| Wellington Square – corner restrictions                | Completed |

# 4.7 LEGISLATION

| Scheme  | Status      |
|---|-------------|
| WAITING RESTRICTIONS  |             |
| Crumlin Road at Jail – At Any Time                          | In Progress |
| Mulhouse Road – At Any Time                                 | Completed   |
| Musgrave Park – At Any Time                                 | In Progress |
| Nelson Street – limited waiting                             | In Progress |
| Ormeau Road (McClure Street to Donegall Pass) – At Any Time | Completed   |
| Serpentine Road near Serpentine Gardens – At Any Time       | In Progress |
|   |             |
| TRAFFIC ORDERS  |             |
| Holylands area – one way traffic system                     | In Progress |
| Lisburn Road – Tidal Urban Clearway                         | In Progress |
| Malone Road - Tidal Urban Clearway                          | In Progress |
| Stranmillis Road – Tidal Urban Clearway                     | In Progress |

# 4.8 DISABLED PARKING BAYS

| Scheme   | Status      |
|--|-------------|
| Application for 'disabled' parking bays will be assessed on an individual basis as they are received. Bays completed/removed to date;  |             |
| 99 Cullingtree Road  | In Progress |
| 9 Forthriver Park  | In Progress |
| 33 Hopefield Avenue  | Completed   |
| 19 Inverary Avenue   | In Progress |
| 78 North Parade  | Completed   |
| 2 Oceanic Avenue   | Completed   |
| 19 Wilhem Street   | Completed   |
| 41 Willowfield Parade  | Completed   |
| Bays provided as part of Sustainable Transport Enabling Measures, Belfast<br>City centre;<br>Adelaide Street, Bedford Street, Castle Place, Chichester Street, College<br>Square East, Fisherwick Place, Great Victoria Street, Queen Street, Upper<br>Arthur Street, Upper Queen Street and Wellington Place. | Completed   |
| Disabled parking bays to be removed  |             |
| 28 Bloomfield Avenue   | Completed   |
| 107 Connsbrook Avenue  | Completed   |
| 36 Ponsonby Avenue   | In Progress |
| 13 Windsor Road  | In Progress |

# **4.9 STREET LIGHTING**

| Scheme                              | Status      |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| College Park Avenue                 | *Programmed |
| Summerhill Avenue                   | Completed   |
| Greenville Road                     | Completed   |
| Osbourne Gardens                    | *Programmed |
| Governors Bridge                    | *Programmed |
| Florenceville Drive                 | In Progress |
| Forthriver Road                     | Completed   |
| Rosapenna Street                    | Completed   |
| Halidays Road                       | *Programmed |
| Ventry Street                       | *Programmed |
| Jamaica Road                        | Completed   |
| Manor Street                        | Completed   |
| Cliftonville Road                   | Completed   |
| Glenside Park                       | Completed   |
| Shannon Street                      | Completed   |
| Dargan Crescent                     | Completed   |
| Balmoral Link / Road                | In progress |
| Boucher Crescent                    | In Progress |
| Upper Kennedy Way                   | Programmed  |
| Glen Road                           | Programmed  |
| Suffolk Road                        | Programmed  |
| Ormonde Gardens                     | Programmed  |
| Willisfield Park / Gardens / Avenue | Programmed  |
| Wedderburn Park / Gardens / Avenue  | Programmed  |

| Scheme                                     | Status      |
|--|-------------|
| Rathmore Park / Gardens                    | Programmed  |
| Falls Road (Whiterock Road – PSNI station) | Programmed  |
| Falls Road (Whiterock Road – Broadway)     | Programmed  |
| Glen Ober Park                             | Programmed  |
| Duncairn Gardens / Brougham Street         | Programmed  |
| New Barnsley Park / Crescent               | Completed   |
| Glenalina Road                             | Completed   |
| Glenside Parade                            | In Progress |
| Distillery Street                          | Completed   |
| Duncrue Road                               | Programmed  |

\* carried over from 2012/13 Programme

# 4.10 CYCLE MEASURES

| Scheme  | Status            |
|---|-------------------|
| Albertbridge Road – cycle lanes and cycle track.                      | Awaiting signage. |
| Fane Street – Wheeling ramps.   | Programmed.       |
| Apsley Street – Contra flow lane for cyclists.                        | Completed.        |
| Ravenhill Road (slip Road) at Albertbridge Road Junction – Road Hump. | On site.          |

#### 4.11 TRAFFIC CALMING

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| Scheme                                     | Status   |
|--|--|
| *Belmont Road – Gateway measures           | Programmed for construction.   |
| Connsbrook Avenue – Traffic calming scheme | Review will be<br>completed in October<br>following completion of<br>new traffic survey.<br>Decision will then be<br>made on whether to<br>proceed with this<br>scheme or not. |
| Ligoniel Road – Traffic calming scheme     | Programmed for construction.   |

\*Additional to 2013/14 programme.

It should be noted that all Traffic Calming schemes are subject to a legislative process and to the availability of funding before they can proceed.

The legislative process provides for representations / objections to be received on our proposals. Where residents do not support individual schemes or where objections are received, it may not be possible to deliver our intended programme. In this event substitutions, on a Division-wide basis, may be made throughout the financial year.

### 4.12 CAR PARKING

| Scheme   | Status  |
|--|---|
| Provision of additional On-Street Pay and<br>Display spaces as identified. | A letter has been sent to Council indicating the<br>streets where we propose providing additional on-<br>Street Pay and Display parking.<br>We are awaiting a reply from Council and an<br>indication of support before we progress with this<br>issue. |
| Review of our off and on-street parking charges.                           | Following the Executive's announcement on 8<br>November 2012 car parking charges in towns and<br>city centres will be frozen at current levels until at<br>least 2015.  |

| Scheme               | Status  |
|----------------------|---|
| Motorcycle parking   | We are currently consulting with motorcyclists who<br>regularly park in Belfast with a view to providing free<br>dedicated on-street motorcycle parking, at various<br>locations, on a trial basis. |
| Car Park Maintenance | On-going maintenance continues to be undertaken to our off-street car parks as required.  |

### 4.13 RESIDENTS' PARKING

The legislation is currently being drafted for Northern Ireland's first residents' parking schemes and we expect to have a draft Lower Malone Resident's Parking Order cleared for formal consultation by early 2014.

Discussions with the residents' and business associations in the Stranmillis area are still continuing with the aim of implementing a scheme. We are still awaiting details of the business association's preferred arrangement for the proposed scheme. Once we receive this we will attempt to broker agreement between the residents' and business associations.

We are liaising with local representatives/residents from the Donegall Pass, Sandy Row and Rugby Road/College Park Avenue areas and we plan to consult informally in all three areas during October/November 2013.

# **5.0 NETWORK TRANSPORT TELEMATICS**

Principal Engineer – Brian Maxwell (9025 4500) brian.maxwell@drdni.gov.uk

He is supported by the following staff:

**Declan Murphy (9025 4536)** declan.murphy@drdni.gov.uk This team is responsible for the day to day running of the Traffic Information and Control Centre. It is responsible for the installation, maintenance and operation of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) including traffic control on the urban and motorway networks and the provision of traffic and travel information.



#### Damien King (9025 4529) damien.king@drdni.gov.uk

This team has specific responsibilities for issues of Road Safety including the development of the Road Safety Engineering Report and the establishment of Central Road Safety Unit. It is also responsible for compiling traffic census, vehicle kilometre travel surveys and managing the road works website.





TICC's TrafficwatchNI website

M1 / A12 Westlink Managed Route



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| Scheme   | Status      |
|--|-------------|
| TRAFFIC AND TRAVEL INFORMATION   |             |
| The TrafficwatchNI website will be enhanced to include better mapping and<br>Road Works Information. We will also investigate the benefits of<br>incorporating social media feeds. | In Progress |
| Subject to adequate funding the coverage of electronic variable message signs (VMS) will be enhanced on the strategic and/or urban networks.                                       | Programmed  |
| PELICAN CROSSINGS  |             |
| The Remote Monitoring System (RMS) enables TICC to monitor the operation of pelican crossings from the Control Centre.   |             |
| RMS coverage has been extended to the following <b>11</b> crossings in Belfast;  |             |
| Andersonstown Road at Stockman's Lane  | Completed   |
| Antrim Road At Baltic Avenue   | Completed   |
| Antrim Road at Cedar Avenue  | Completed   |
| Antrim Road at Chichester Road   | Completed   |
| Antrim Road at Salisbury Avenue  | Completed   |
| Antrim Road at Serpentine Road   | Completed   |
| Antrim Road at Willowbank Gardens  | Completed   |
| Belmont Road at Bathgate Drive   | Completed   |
| Belmont Road at Belmont Church Road  | Completed   |
| Belmont Road at Wandsworth Gardens   | Completed   |
| Glen Road at Christian Brothers School   | Completed   |
| URBAN CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) CAMERAS   |             |
| Review CCTV coverage to ensure its continued adequacy and identify camera locations that are in need of upgrade.   | Ongoing     |

| Scheme  | Status   |  |
|---|--|--|
| TRAFFIC SIGNALS   |  |  |
| We will monitor traffic signal timings to ensure they are appropriate for the prevailing traffic conditions and subject to adequate funding we will upgrade traffic signal equipment where necessary. | Ongoing  |  |
| MOTORWAY COMMUNICATIONS AND CONTROL   |  |  |
| Utilise TICC's motorway communications & control infrastructure together with CCTV traffic monitoring facilities to efficiently manage traffic on motorways and the Westlink.                         | Ongoing  |  |
| Investigate possible enhancements to the Motorway Control Instation system.   | Programmed   |  |
| Audit Motorway Intelligent Transport infrastructure for continued health and safety access compliance.  | Programmed   |  |
| Investigate possible improvements to M1 traffic flow both approaching and leaving the city  | Further modelling of traffic flows at Black's Road off-slip. |  |
| BUS PRIORITY  |  |  |
| Subject to adequate funding, extend Bus traffic light priority to include the Holywood Road in Belfast.   | Programmed   |  |
| JOURNEY TIME MEASUREMENT  |  |  |
| Subject to adequate funding, extend coverage of Journey Time estimation cameras to provide travel times for Road Users on strategic routes serving Belfast.   | Programmed   |  |
| CENTRAL ROAD SAFETY UNIT  |  |  |
| This unit will continue to have a strategic overview of road safety and the analysis of collision data on roads across the Province.  | Ongoing  |  |
| Install 2 permanent traffic counting sites.   | Programmed   |  |

#### **6.0 NETWORK MAINTENANCE**

Principal Engineer - Colin Sykes (9025 3111) colin.sykes@drdni.gov.uk

#### He is supported by the following staff:

Support Services Manager- Aidan O'Callaghan (9025 3098) aidan.o'callaghan@drdni.gov.uk This team is based at Hydebank and is responsible for general co-ordination, bidding, allocating and monitoring finances, maintenance of safety fences, contract monitoring, statistics and enforcement.



#### Belfast North Section Engineer – Brian O'Neill (9025 4044) brian.oneill@drdni.gov.uk

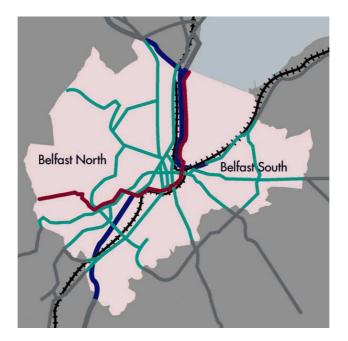
148 – 158 Corporation Street, Belfast, BT1 3DH This team is responsible for contacts with the public and elected representatives, highway inspections, resurfacing, responsive repairs, routine maintenance, winter gritting, road opening consents and licences, public liability claims and liaison with the service utility companies.



Belfast South Section Engineer - Gareth McKibbin (9025 4609) gareth.mckibbin@drdni.gov.uk

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# 6.1 CARRIAGEWAY RESURFACING

| Scheme  | Status                         |
|---|--------------------------------|
| BELFAST SOUTH   |                                |
| From April 2013, 10.93 km of carriageway has been resurfaced in the B equates to 48,820 sqm and includes the schemes listed below.      | elfast South area. This        |
| Broomhill Park including Broomhill Park Central   | Completed                      |
| Cloverhill Park/Gardens   | Completed                      |
| Cricklewood Park  | Completed                      |
| Belmont Road - Hawthornden Gardens to Massey Avenue   | Completed                      |
| Finaghy Road South  | Completed                      |
| Glen Road – Shaws Road to Suffolk Road  | Completed                      |
| Andersonstown Road Roundabout   | Completed                      |
| Ballymiscaw Road – Part   | Programmed                     |
| Derlett Street  | Completed                      |
| Avoniel Road  | Completed*                     |
| North Road  | Ongoing*                       |
| Massey Avenue   | Ongoing*                       |
| Piney Hills and The Plateau   | Ongoing*                       |
| Ardcarn Park – Carnet House   | Completed*                     |
| Lisburn Road – Ulsterville Avenue to Windsor Park   | Ongoing*                       |
| Kennedy Way – Glen Road to Andersonstown Road   | Programmed*                    |
| BELFAST NORTH   |                                |
| From April 2013, 6.28 km of carriageway has been resurfaced in the No to approximately 26265 sqm and includes the schemes listed below. | rth Belfast area. This equates |
| Alliance Road   | Completed                      |
| Great Victoria Street (Bruce Street to Grosvenor Road)  | Completed                      |
| High Street   | Completed                      |
| Springfield Road (Springfield Park to West Circular Road)   | Completed                      |
| Springfield Road (West Circular Road to Watermouth Street)  | Completed                      |
| Westland Road (Old Westland Road to Oldpark Road)   | Completed                      |
| Duncrue Street  | Programmed *                   |

| Scheme               | Status       |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Wheatfield Crescent  | Programmed * |
| Ligoniel Road        | Programmed * |
| Donegall Square West | Programmed * |

\* Additional to Programme

# **6.2 FOOTWAY RESURFACING**

| Scheme  | Status                  |
|---|-------------------------|
| BELFAST SOUTH   | 1                       |
| From April 2013, 9.14 km of footway has been resurfaced in the Belfast South schemes listed below.                        | area. This includes the |
| Broomhill Park including Broomhill Park Central   | Completed               |
| Cloverhill Park/Gardens   | Completed               |
| Cricklewood Park  | Completed               |
| Belmont Road (Hawthornden Gardens to Massey Ave)  | Completed               |
| Finaghy Road South  | Completed               |
| Glen Road – Shaws Road to Suffolk Road  | Completed               |
| Derlett Street  | Completed               |
| Avoniel Road  | Completed*              |
| North Road  | Ongoing*                |
| Massey Avenue   | Ongoing*                |
| Piney Hills and The Plateau   | Ongoing*                |
| BELFAST NORTH   |                         |
| From April 2013, 3.4 km of footway has been resurfaced in the North Belfast area. This includes the schemes listed below. |                         |
| Britton's Drive   | Completed               |
| Britton's Parade  | Completed               |
| Whiterock Crescent  | Completed               |
| Whiterock Drive   | Completed               |

| Scheme  | Status       |
|---|--------------|
| Westland Estate                                   | Completed    |
| Glencollyer Street                                | Completed    |
| Crosscollyer Street                               | Completed    |
| Ballygomartin Road                                | Programmed * |
| Shore Road – Mount Vernon to Donegall Park Avenue | Programmed * |
| Shore Road – Skegoneil Avenue to Fortwilliam Park | Programmed * |
| Shore Road – No 824 to No 924                     | Programmed * |
| Whiterock Parade                                  | Programmed * |
| Whiterock Gardens                                 | Programmed * |
| Duncrue Street                                    | Programmed * |

\* Additional to Programme

# 6.3 DRAINAGE

| Scheme                        | Status     |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| BELFAST SOUTH                 |            |
| Diamond Gardens               | Completed  |
| Finaghy Road North            | Completed* |
| Mersey Street                 | Completed* |
| Lucerne Parade/ Lockview Road | Ongoing*   |

| Scheme                                   | Status     |
|--|------------|
| BELFAST NORTH                            |            |
| Shore Road at Fortwilliam Park           | Programmed |
| Shore Road at Whitewell Road lay-by      | Programmed |
| Corporation Street at Corporation Square | Completed  |
| Upper Cavehill Road                      | Completed  |

| Scheme  | Status       |
|---|--------------|
| Garmoyle Street   | In Progress  |
| Upper Stanfield Street  | In Progress* |
| Replacement of cast iron lids with plastic composite lids       | Completed*   |
| Ongoing replacement of Belfast Foundry pots as resource permits | In Progress* |

\* Additional to Programme

#### 6.4 CARRIAGEWAY REFURBISHMENT

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| Scheme                  | Status     |
|-------------------------|------------|
| BELFAST SOUTH           |            |
| Stranmillis Road – Part | Programmed |

#### 6.5 PUBLIC REALM Streets Ahead Project (DSD)

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| Scheme   | Status      |
|--|-------------|
| BELFAST NORTH  |             |
| Bank Square, Bank Street, Berry Street and King Street | In Progress |

### **6.6 LIAISON WITH UTILITIES**

| Scheme        | Status |
|---------------|--------|
| WATER SERVICE |        |

| Scheme   | Status      |
|--|-------------|
| Roads Service staff will continue to work closely with NI Water and their<br>Consultants on the major upgrade of NIW mains infrastructure throughout<br>Belfast and in particular North Belfast. | In Progress |
| PHOENIX GAS  |             |
| No major infrastructure builds notified. Service connections for new customers are likely.   | In Progress |
| VIRGIN MEDIA   |             |
| No major infrastructure builds notified. Service connections for new customers are likely.   | In Progress |
| CABLE & WIRELESS   |             |
| No major infrastructure builds notified. Service connections for new customers are likely.   | In Progress |
| POWER NI   |             |
| No major infrastructure builds notified. Service connections for new customers are likely.   | In Progress |
| ВТ   |             |
| No major infrastructure builds notified. Service connections for new customers are likely.   | In Progress |
| EIRCOM   |             |
| No major infrastructure builds notified. Service connections for new customers are likely.   | In Progress |
| HIBERNIA ATLANTIC  |             |
| No major infrastructure builds notified. Service connections for new customers are likely.   | In Progress |

# 7.0 NETWORK PLANNING

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#### He is supported by the following staff:

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This team deals with development control for Belfast and Carrickfergus Council Areas. Sid is also responsible for private street determinations, bonds and adoption certificates for the Division.

Development Control Team 2- Colin Kelly (9025 3151) colin.kelly@drdni.gov.uk

This team deals with development control for the Lisburn, and North Down Council Areas. Colin also provides specialist advice on development control issues.

Development Control Team 3 - Gabriel Doherty (9025 3154) gabriel.doherty@drdni.gov.uk

This team deals with development control for Newtownabbey and Castlereagh Council areas. Gabriel also manages the review of Transport Assessments associated with planning applications and provides specialist advice in this area.







# 7.1 ADOPTIONS

Adoptions completed from last spring report

| Location         | Length Adopted (M)   |
|------------------|--|
| Carr's Glen Park | 85m of new 2.5m wide footway along the side of the Boy's Model School to main entrance at Ballysillian Road.   |
| Donegall Road    | <b>456-458 Donegall Road:</b><br>Junction of Rodney Parade, boundary set back 1m to provide a 1.8m footway accommodating 2 parallel parking bays.  |
| Ormiston Square  | 5m of traditional carriageway with associated footways plus 50m of shared surface carriageway with 2m wide service strip on each side.   |
| Rosehead         | Rosehead:<br>392m of traditional carriageway and associated footways.<br>Rosehead Drive:<br>48m of traditional carriageway and turning head with associated<br>footways.   |
| Rusholme Walk    | 25 linear metres of remote footway (block paved).  |
| York Road        | Streets off York Road, including:<br>Arosa Parade:<br>211 square metres of footway plus a portion of parking lay-by equal to 80<br>square metres.<br>Glasgow Street:<br>355 square metres of footway plus a portion of parking lay-by equal to<br>180 square metres.   |
|                  | <ul> <li>Harrisburg Street:</li> <li>171 square metres of footway plus a portion of parking lay-by equal to 141 square metres.</li> <li>Mineral Street:</li> <li>166 square metres of footway plus a portion of parking lay-by equal to 16 square metres.</li> <li>Pittsburg Street:</li> <li>171 square metres of footway plus a portion of parking lay-by equal to 141 square metres.</li> </ul> |

# 7.2 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DOE Planning already consults directly with the Council regarding planning applications which they receive in the Belfast Area. Roads Service Development Control teams advise DOE Planning on the roads and transportation issues associated with both major and minor planning applications.