

West Yorkshire Combined Authority Decision Point Certificate

Reference:	FBC v2
Date issued:	22/11/2023

Scheme name:	A629 (Phase 2) – Halifax Town Centre
Lead organisation:	Calderdale Council
Decision point:	DP4 Full Business Case
Approved by:	Transport Committee Date: 19/09/2023
Related report	(Public Pack)Agenda Document for Transport Committee, 19/09/2023 15:00 (moderngov.co.uk)

This decision gave approval to the following values relating to scheme costs

Full approval to total scheme costs of:	£64,139,765
Full approval to a total Combined Authority funding contribution of:	£64,139,765
An expenditure approval of:	£29,604,881, which takes the total expenditure approval on the scheme to £35,933,881
Funding Agreement¹:	As a result of this decision, an addendum to the existing funding agreement will be required agreeing total expenditure up to the value of: £35,933,881

Outputs & Benefits

The scheme has committed to the following outputs and benefits.

The scheme outputs and benefits include:

- 0.498km of new cycle lane
- 1.126km of new shared lane
- 4.793km of new pedestrian routes
- 0.226km of new bus lane

¹ No claims can be paid by the Combined Authority until a funding agreement, or addendum to an existing agreement has been signed by both parties

- 5445 km of road resurfaced
- 1155 sqm of new greenspace
- 6 new formal pedestrian crossing points
- 31 improved formal pedestrian crossing points
- 1 new bus gate
- 2 new bus cameras
- 18 new bus shelters
- 12 new bus stops
- 5 bus stops upgraded
- 16 existing junctions improved
- 4 junctions with improved cycle facilities
- 12 new smart, Artificial Intelligence signal points
- 236 new surface water drainage systems
- 187 new signage including signage for walking and cycling
- 158 new streetlights
- 116 net number of new trees planted on site
- Electricity infrastructure for 2 x electric vehicle charge points
- Increase pedestrian footfall in Halifax town centre by 20%, by 2032.
- Increase cyclists crossing Halifax town centre by 50%, by 2032.
- Increase bus mode share in Halifax town centre by 5%, by 2032.
- Reduction in traffic on the western corridor by 15%, by 2032.
- Reduction in casualties by 42%, by 2032.
- Increase the percentage of commercial units occupied by 5%, by 2032.
- Air quality levels at identified monitoring and evaluation sites to meet the relevant standards, by 2029.
- Noise levels at identified monitoring and evaluation sites to not exceed 68dB, by 2029.

Future assurance pathway and approval route and scheme assurance timescales which were approved as part of this decision

Any assurance tolerance relating to timescales is baselined against these timescales.

Assurance Pathway	Approval Route	Forecast Approval Date
DP4 Full Business Case	PAT - TC	19/09/2023
Approval to Proceed Eastern Corridor	PAT - TC	29/01/2025
Approval to Proceed Central Corridor	PAT - TC	29/07/2026
DP5 Delivery Closure	PAT - COO	24/11/2027

Assurance Tolerances²

The scheme has approval to proceed within the following assurance tolerances.

Combined Authority costs remain within +10% of those outlined in this report.

Delivery (DP5) timescales remain within +6 months of those outlined in this report.

Outputs remain within -10% of those outlined in this report.

Recommendations

The full recommendations agreed as part of this decision are provided below.

The Transport Committee approves that:

- (i) The A629 Phase 2 Halifax Town Centre scheme progresses through decision point 4 (FBC) and:
 - The Western Corridor progressing to activity 5 (Delivery).
 - The Eastern and Central corridors to progress to activity 5 (Delivery) subject to an Approval to Proceed.
- (ii) Approval of £29,604,881 to progress the Western Corridor to activity 5 (Delivery) and fund land acquisition costs, is given, taking the total approval to £35,933,881.
- (iii) Approval of £16,692,933 and £11,512,951 to progress the Eastern and Central Corridors respectively to activity 5 (Delivery), is given, subject to Approval to Proceed. The total scheme value is £64,139,765.
- (iv) The Combined Authority enters into an addendum to the existing funding agreement with Calderdale Council for expenditure up to £35,933,881.
- (v) Future approvals are made in accordance with the assurance pathway, and approval route outlined in this report. This is subject to the scheme remaining within the tolerances set out in this report.

Conditions relating to this approval

The following conditions to this approval were made by the Programme Appraisal Team. These conditions should be addressed in advance of the scheme's next decision point appraisal

Recommended Conditions as part of the FBC (decision point 4) approval:

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| A | That ahead of Contract Award, the scheme: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirms collection of pre-construction baseline data. 2. Confirms securing of the site compound planning approval. 3. Review possible typo error in CIA assessment and amend accordingly. 4. Submit the noise impact assessment. |
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Recommendation during activity 5 (Delivery):

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| B | That the scheme presents a Progress Update Report to PAT in August 2024, comprising: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The latest TRO Report |
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² Please note these are not scheme or programme tolerances and are assurance tolerances ONLY. If an assurance tolerance is exceeded, it means that the next change request or decision point approval can no longer be made through the Chief Executive (previously Managing Director) delegation (if proposed) and instead it would require the scheme to return to the relevant thematic committee and/or the meeting of the Combined Authority for consideration.

Any assurance tolerances relating to cost do not give approval to additional expenditure or an increase to the total indicative scheme cost increases above those which are outlined in this certificate. Any increases would still require a further approval from the Combined Authority, however this approval could be made by the Chief Executive following a recommendation from the Combined Authority's Programme Appraisal Team.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The latest land purchase schedule and costs report 3. The latest scheme Risk Register 4. A scheme affordability statement 5. The latest scheme expenditure profile 6. A scheme construction progress report 7. A carbon management update report 8. A Social Value delivery progress report 9. A communications strategy update report
Recommended conditions for the Eastern Corridor Approval to Proceed:	
C	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Eastern Corridor final cost (with cost plan) 2. The Eastern Corridor final design 3. The Eastern Corridor construction programme 4. Cabinet and Project Board minutes approving the Eastern Corridor ATP submission 5. The latest scheme Risk Register
Recommended conditions for the Central Corridor Approval to Proceed:	
D	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Central Corridor final cost (with cost plan) 2. The Central Corridor final design 3. The Central Corridor construction programme 4. Cabinet and Project Board minutes approving the Central Corridor ATP submission 5. The latest scheme Risk Register

For any queries relating to this decision point certificate please contact the Combined Authority's Portfolio Management Office on 0113 348 1601