

ANGUS COUNCIL**ROADS COMMITTEE****15 OCTOBER 1998****RECOMMENDED AMENDMENT TO THE UTILISATION OF THE
ROADS AND TRANSPORT RENEWAL AND REPAIR FUND****REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS****ABSTRACT**

This Report updates the Roads Committee regarding delays encountered in commencing a proposed footway scheme and proposes that this scheme be postponed meantime and substituted with an urgent carriageway resurfacing and drainage project.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee agree to:-

- (i) Note the delays encountered on the Footway Scheme between Condor and Colliston and that this scheme will form part of the Roads overall budget proposals for 1999/2000.
- (ii) The substitution of the Resurfacing and Drainage Scheme at Elinsore Bridge on the A930 between Monifieth and Barry for the previously proposed Footway Scheme between Colliston and Condor.
- (iii) The proposed funding package is:-

Unallocated funding	£41,500
Deferred A933 footway scheme	£79,000
Further draw down from R & R Fund	<u>£24,500</u>
	<u>£145,000</u>

2 INTRODUCTION

Difficulties have occurred with potential delays due to land acquisition and considerable increases in cost on the previously reported scheme to provide a footway on the west side of the A933 between Colliston and Condor. The substitution of an alternative scheme to resurface the carriageway and improve the drainage of a section of the A930 at Elinsore Bridge is recommended.

3 DETAILS

- (i) It is not considered appropriate from a road safety point of view to go ahead with a basic footway adjacent to the carriageway on the section of the A933 between Colliston and Condor. A maximum 1.2m width of footway is all that can be fitted in without landtake and considerable alterations to the existing landscape. Considering the speed of vehicles on this straight section of carriageway this minimum provision cannot be accepted as a satisfactory footway provision.
- (ii) The cost of providing a 1.8 metre footway with integral safety barrier adjacent to the carriageway and involving hedge removal, ditch culverting and landtake has been estimated at £170,000. This is more than double the preliminary estimate figure of £79,000 reported to the Committee on 29 January 1998. In view of these difficulties and the increased cost it is recommended that the scheme be deferred until 1999/2000 to allow investigation of an alternative alignment on the east side in an attempt to reconcile safety issues with reasonable economic costs.
- (iii) Problems of flooding with poor vertical alignment on the A930 at Elinsore Bridge between Monifieth and Barry have been under investigation and damage to the carriageway is accelerating and it is advisable to bring this scheme forward as a matter of urgency. Flooding is now occurring on a regular basis and in view of the 1999 Open Championship at Carnoustie it is recommended that the work be carried out at this time. The Scheme will involve the construction of a new positive drainage system with kerbing and a complete carriageway overlay.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Report No 893/98 submitted to the Roads Committee on 27 August 1998 projected savings of £291,500 for the Road Reconstruction Projects listed in Tables A and B of that Report as against previously reported initial projections (Report No 123/98).

£250,000 of this released funding has been allocated to a new list of projects also identified in Report No 893/98 leaving a further £41,500 potentially available for allocation.

The projected costs of the A930 Elsinore Bridge Scheme are:

Works Costs	£135,000
Consultancy Fees	<u>£10,000</u>
	<u>£145,000</u>

The proposed funding package is:-

Unallocated funding	£41,500
Deferred A933 C & D footway	£79,000
Further draw-down from R & R Fund	<u>£24,500</u>
	<u>£145,000</u>

The further draw down from the R & R Fund of £24,500 would reduce the uncommitted R & R Fund balance to £290,500 but this is still above the recommended minimum contingency level of £250,000.

It is anticipated that this project expenditure will be committed in the 1998/99 financial year but expenditure will straddle the 1998/99 and 1999/2000 financial years.

5 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

6 CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the A930 Elinsore Bridge Scheme be substituted for the proposed Colliston to Condor Footway for the reasons given and that the minimum uncommitted reserve R & R Fund Balance be reduced from £315,000 to £290,500. This balance is still higher than the £250,000 agreed as the minimum contingency balance to be retained. (Ref Committee Report No 922/98 - P & R Committee)

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NOTE

The following background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report:-

Report No 123/98 - Angus Council Roads Committee - 29 January 1998.

Report No 893/98 - Angus Council Roads Committee - 27 August 1998.

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