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Report to:	Roads Safety Forum
Date of Meeting:	20 May 2015
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Capital Programme of Road Safety Engineering Works for 2015/2016
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Inform the Forum of the Capital Programme of Road Safety Engineering Works for 2015/2016 that will contribute to achieving government casualty reduction targets.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Forum is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the contents of the Capital Programme of Road Safety Engineering Works for 2015/2016 be noted.

3. Background

3.1. The Roads Safety Forum, at its meeting of 4 February 2015, was advised of the provisional number of casualties occurring in the Council area in 2014 and of the trend in casualties with the Scottish Government's casualty reduction targets. It was further advised that, as progress to the 2020 targets is approaching half distance, it can be said that after five years of continuous casualty reduction, the provisional figures, which increased in all categories, remind us that there is still a lot of work to do and that the 2020 targets are extremely challenging.

3.2. The Roads Safety Forum, at its meeting of 6 February 2013, was advised of the methodology used to identify where road accidents are occurring in South Lanarkshire and how the information is used to prioritise identified accident locations and how these tables are then used to prioritise the Capital Programme of Road Safety Engineering Works. These reports further explained the tried and tested measures that have been employed to assist in casualty reduction to date, as well as their success.

4. Capital Programme of Road Safety Engineering Works for 2015/2016

4.1. Funding of the Capital Programme is provided from three sources: Scottish Government Grant: Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) funding (£474,000), Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) funding (£450,000) for route action plans on strategic routes and South Lanarkshire Council's Roads Investment Plan (£115,000) for improved infrastructure.

4.2. The philosophy that has guided the development of previous Capital Programmes of Road Safety Engineering Works has been continued when developing the 2015/2016 programme (Appendix 1). Targeting locations with accident records is the main priority, and accounts for approximately 79% of the budget. Other road safety initiatives take up the remaining 21%. The initiatives targeting accident locations are the Route Action Plans and the AIP Single Site schemes.

4.3. The other road safety initiatives are:

- Road Safety Infrastructure Improvements
- Speed Limit Initiatives
- Traffic Signals/Pedestrian Crossings
- Engineering measures at schools
- Cycle Schemes

5. Financial Implications

5.1. The projects will be financed through the Scottish Government Grant: CWSS (£474,000), SPT funding (£450,000) for route action plans on strategic routes and South Lanarkshire Council's Roads Investment Plan (£115,000) for improved infrastructure.

6. Employee Implications

6.1. The projects will be delivered utilising existing staff resources.

7. Other Implications

7.1. There are no significant risks as assessments are carried out using criteria based upon national best practice.

7.2. There are no implications for sustainability in term of the information contained within this report.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

8.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.

8.2. Consultation will form an integral part of the promotion of the traffic regulation orders required for the new speed limits.

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Link(s) to Council Objectives/Values

- Improve community safety
- Improve road network and influence improvements in public transport
- Protect vulnerable children, young people and adults

Previous References

- ◆ Roads Safety Forum, 6 February 2013; Agenda Item 5: Accident Reduction and Prioritisation of Locations
- ◆ Roads Safety Forum, 7 May 2014; Agenda Item 7: Capital Programme of Road Safety Engineering Works for 2014/2015
- ◆ Roads Safety Forum, 4 February 2015; Agenda Item 6: Road Accident Casualty Statistics for 2014

List of Background Papers

None

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APPENDIX 1

Capital Programme of Road Safety Engineering Works for 2015/2016

Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) Grant	£474,000
Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT)	£450,000
South Lanarkshire Councils Road Investment Plan (SLC)	<u>£115,000</u>
Total	£1,039,000

Projects	Justification	Action	CWSS	SPT	SLC
Route Action Plans/AIP Single Sites					
B7086 Strathaven to Kirkmuirhill Ph 2	Accident rate 2 times national average. To complete work started in 2014/2015	Warning signs, road markings and verge marker posts		£155,000	
B743 Strathaven to Dungavel Ph 2	Accident rate for full length of A743 (14km) 1.2 times national average when work started in 2014/2015. Appropriate to progress route in two sections and to complete work started in 2014/2015	Warning signs, road markings and verge marker posts	£100,000		
A70/A721 Columbie Junction	Single site with three or more injury accidents in three years	Alteration to road layout to simplify the junction		£250,000	
A743 Lanark to Ravenstruther	Accident rate 4.8 times the national average and single site	Warning signs, road markings and verge marker posts and identification of single site remedial measures		£45,000	
Road Safety Infrastructure Improvements	Minor/routine road safety measures identified through enquiries	Pedestrian guardrail, road markings and road signs	£50,000		

Speed Limits					
B7078 at J10 of M74 (60mph to 40mph)	Reduce limit previously identified in speed limit review to complement cycle infrastructure	Signing to comply with legislation	£10,000		
B7012 Crossbaskets to High Blantyre (60mph to 50mph)	Reduce limit previously identified in speed limit review to complement cycle infrastructure	Signing to comply with legislation	£10,000		
Traffic Signals/Pedestrian Crossings	Upgrading of facilities to improve safety and encourage walking.	Upgrade of pedestrian crossings at Palace Grounds Road, Hamilton and Churchill Avenue/Civic Centre, East Kilbride.	£100,000		
Engineering Measures at Schools	Measures identified through previous and ongoing School Travel Plans as well as discussions with schools	Provision of engineering measures such as improved/additional signing, road markings, guardrail etc	£20,000		
Cycle Schemes	Development of cycle infrastructure to increase cycling	Continue to complete sections of NCN74 Larkhall to Stonehouse and Lesmahagow to Happendon	£184,000		
Roads Investment Plan	Improve traffic signal infrastructure	Upgrade traffic signal junctions at Common Green/Townhead Street, Strathaven and Stonelaw Road/Greenhills Road, Rutherglen			£115,000
Total			£474,000	£450,000	£115,000