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Transport for Norwich: Bluebell Road Connector project

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Start: Monday 24 July 2017

Expected completion: 13 October 2017

Duration: 12 weeks

Details of work:

- Widening of the shared pedestrian/cycle path which runs along the west side (UEA side) of Bluebell Road between South Park Avenue and the slip road between Bluebell Road and Newmarket Road.
- Widening of the shared pedestrian/cycle path which runs along the slip road between Bluebell Road and Newmarket Road.
- Construction of a new tiger crossing (for both pedestrians and cyclists) to the north of the slip road between Bluebell Road and Newmarket Road.

Traffic management:

There will be a series of two-way traffic lights setup along Bluebell Road with traffic joining from the side roads as usual.

Road closure:

A road closure will be required towards the end of the scheme to allow the carriageway to be resurfaced. To minimise disruption in the area, this closure will be tied in with the resurfacing works at the Eaton crossroads so the exact programme dates and duration are not yet known. This information will be updated on the project web page above.

Reasons for work:

- The project will improve the existing facilities for cyclists along Bluebell Road by accommodating two-way cycle provision and shared use with pedestrians.

- The work will give the pedestrians and cyclists priority over the side roads and junctions, creating an uninterrupted route.
- The tiger crossing will join the blue pedalway, which runs through Eaton, with the recently completed scheme on Newmarket Road.

Funding:

- £320,000 – Department for Transport Cycle City Ambition Grant
- £25,000 – National Productivity Investment Fund.
- £25,000 – McCarthy and Stone (Section 106 funding)

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Background

This work is part of the wider Transport for Norwich plan. The plan is an overarching programme of strategic works to improve accessibility by all modes of transport around the city. It not only aims to encourage the use of more sustainable modes of transport, such as public transport, cycling and walking, but also includes capacity enhancement of the strategic road network and new road building, in particular the Northern Distributor Road (NDR). The aim of the strategy within the urban area is to stabilise traffic levels and to cater for increased demands for travel by more sustainable means.

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