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A11 Newmarket Road – cycling improvements Phase 1: Unthank Road to Daniels Road

Start: Wednesday 4 January 2017

Expected completion: Friday 7 April 2017

Duration: 13 weeks

Traffic management:

- Work on Newmarket Road will be carried out by closing the westbound carriageway lane (going out of Norwich) in phased sections of approximately 200m, starting at the junction with Eaton Road and moving out of Norwich towards Eaton.
- Work will take place on the length between Daniels Road and Eaton Road from Monday 20 February to coincide with the half-term school holiday to minimise disruption on the approach to the roundabout.
- A rolling suspension will be imposed on the eastbound bus lane (heading into Norwich) coinciding with the location of work to allow the bus lane to be used for both buses and general traffic going into Norwich.
- Site specific traffic management will be required at the junctions of Sunningdale and Eaton Close. This work will be towards the end of the scheme – further information on the traffic management requirements will be issued in due course.

Road closures and diversions:

- Branksome Road and Leopold Road will be closed at their junctions with Newmarket Road for the duration of the work (**4 January to 7 April 2017**).
- Camberley Road and Claremont Road will be closed at their junction with Newmarket Road from **4 January to Friday 24 February 2017**.
- During the closures the alternative routes are:
 - Branksome Road, Camberley Road and Claremont Road closure: alternative route via Waverley Road, Eaton Road and Newmarket Road.
 - Leopold Road closure: alternative route via Unthank Road, Mile End Road and Newmarket Road.

Pedestrian management:

- The shared-use footway/cycleway on the southern (outbound) side of Newmarket Road will be closed in the section where work is taking place.
- A temporary pedestrian crossing will be provided at either end of the closure to help pedestrians cross the road to use the footway on the northern side.

Details of work:

- Widening and resurfacing of the existing shared-use footway/cycleway on the southern (outbound) side of the A11 Newmarket Road between the section opposite the Unthank Road junction and the Daniels Road roundabout.
- Construction of priority cycle crossings at the side road junctions of Elveden Close, Branksome Road, Camberley Road and Claremont Road and a raised table crossing at the Sunningdale junction.
- Alterations to existing road markings and signs to denote cyclist priority across the side roads.

Reasons for work:

- The existing shared-use footway/cycleway on the southern side of Newmarket Road is too narrow and regularly interrupted by side road junctions, which provide priority to only a few vehicles compared with the significant number of cyclists that use this facility.
- The works will make the shared-use footway/cycleway more coherent and easier to use and provide a priority cycle route into the centre of Norwich, promoting the use of sustainable travel methods.
- This project forms part of ongoing work to improve the quality of cycling infrastructure across Norwich and is an important part of the Transport for Norwich (TfN) strategy.

Funding:

- £300,000 (phase 1 of the project)
- Department for Transport – Cycle City Ambition Grant

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More information:

- www.norfolk.gov.uk/newmarketroad and www.norfolk.gov.uk/tfn
- Contractor: Tarmac
- Phase 2 of the project (Daniels Road to Hanover Road) is due to go to the Norwich Highways Agency Committee for approval in March 2017.

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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