

## **A285 Road Safety Scheme**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**1. Why does this work have to take place?**

The A285 historically had one of the worst accident rates per kilometre, with a collision history previously bringing the scheme to the top of European rankings. Following a successful bid to the Department for Transport, West Sussex County Council is progressing with a scheme to improve safety and driver consistency throughout the route. Awarding of the bid was based on the implementation of the measures detailed below.

**2. What work has to be done?**

Works primarily involve the introduction where possible along the route of a hard strip safety edge along the side of the road to aid drivers in case of error. This will be complemented by a raised edge line to give drivers warning should they begin to veer off the carriageway. Lane widths will also be made more consistent and opportunities taken to improve signing and crash barrier.

**3. Who is responsible for the work?**

The works have been designed by the WSCC Highways Projects Team in collaboration with our term contractor Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP) who will be carrying out the works.

**4. What will the benefits be once it is finished?**

The addition of a hard edge safety strip and edge line will give drivers more space and warning should they veer towards the edge of the carriageway, reducing the risk of accidents in these situations. Providing a consistent lane width will provide a more consistent driver experience throughout the route, also reducing the risk of driver mistakes occurring.

**5. What previous consultation has been undertaken?**

Being a safety lead scheme, consultation has been conducted with the WSCC Road Safety Team. Local Parish Councils, County Councillors and the South Downs National Park have also been made aware of the County Council's intentions. During the scheme large message board signs will be in operation and those fronting the works kept up to date.

**6. How much will it cost?**

The grant awarded by the Department for Transport is £2.4million.

**7. Will any road have to be closed during the works?**

In order to protect the public and our workforce and minimise disruption to traffic, the works will be carried out primarily under temporary traffic signals. It is intended to utilise two working areas under temporary traffic signals spaced approximately 3 miles apart. This will allow works to be undertaken efficiently and minimise the time the works will be taking place. A small number of road closures may be required in areas where the carriageway is not sufficiently wide enough to protect the workforce. This is expected to be minimal and advance notices will be erected. Where road closures are required localised traffic diversions will be in place.

8. **When will the work start/finish?**

Minor investigatory works are taking place in the last week of September. The main works will start on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and are anticipated to last for approximately 6 months. The works will be mobile and move along the route during this period of time. This is subject to favourable weather conditions.

9. **What time of day will the work take place?**

Working hours are from 07:00 to 18:00hrs Monday to Friday.

10. **Will there be any night working?**

There are no plans to undertake any of the works overnight.

11. **What disruption can motorists or bus passengers expect?**

There will be an element of disruption during the construction of this project. In order to minimise this as much as possible temporary traffic management will be in place at times including temporary traffic signals and road closures. All closures will include appropriate diversions and access to properties will be maintained. Businesses will be open as usual.

12. **Will any diversion routes for traffic have to be put in place?**

Should road closures be required traffic will be re-routed along appropriate diversion routes. Road closures are expected to be minimal and advance notice will be given should they be used.

13. **Will emergency services be affected by this work?**

All emergency services will be kept informed of the works and access in an emergency will be maintained where safe to do so.