TCF CONTRACT AWARD

St Budeaux to Crownhill Sustainable Transport Project Briefing Report for Executive Decision



Background

The scheme will improve bus journey times through upgrading the signal detection and controller. The expected outcomes from the scheme are improved throughput of vehicles along Crownhill Road by improving the junction controllers of Budshead Road and Transit Way.

Procurement

The Traffic Signal Term Maintenance Contract will be used to procure these works. The contract, jointly procured with Devon County Council (as lead procurement organisation) and Torbay Council commenced July 2022 and has a core contract period of 5 years with annual extensions available taking it up to a possible maximum of 10 years.

The contract includes provision for the supply and installation of new equipment and includes a schedule of rates adjusted by inflation which provides price certainty.

The option to tender the works has been rejected on value for money grounds given that there is a recently agreed framework that has been competitively tendered and remains within its core contract period.

Finance and Delivery

The award of contract is for £149,344 and will be delivered by SWARCO through the Traffic Signal Term Maintenance Contract.

Timescales

Project delivery is expected to commence January 2024 with completion by 30 June 2024.

Public Engagement

In December 2021 a public consultation was undertaken on the full scheme. As this was prior to scheme costing, once costed the scheme exceeded the budget available. With agreement from DfT the scheme extents have been reduced and will now consist of the junctions of Budshead Road and Transit Way through the installation of new signal control equipment. It remains the aspiration of the council to deliver the full improvements subject to funding availability through future funding sources such as Bus Service Improvement Plan