

# CONSOLIDATED ACTIVE TRAVEL FUND

## Briefing Report



### Background

Active Travel England have allocated funding to Plymouth City Council known as the 'Consolidated Active Travel Fund'. The purpose of the fund is as follows:

1. New construction schemes with robust delivery plans;
2. Change control funding to unblock existing Active Travel Fund (ATF) schemes to secure timely delivery and improve scheme quality;
3. Essential funding to address safety or accessibility concerns on existing active travel routes;
4. Early development of future active travel schemes (including to support the development of housing), creating a pipeline of schemes to be funded by future government spending rounds or other local funding;
5. Development and delivery of high-quality capability building and behaviour change activities, enabling authorities to plan for and activate existing infrastructure and new capital schemes.

The proposals put forward by Plymouth City Council provide changes required to enhance road safety and enable more people to walk and cycle so improving health and equality of access to opportunities. Whilst each of the elements are different, all are responding to a clear need.

### Funding Award

Plymouth City Council has successfully secured £746,894 of external funding for the development and delivery of walking, wheeling and cycling improvements.

### Funding Package

The funding has been allocated to the following projects:

£373,447 for the construction of Brian Vincent Way, a path from Willow Close to Pike Road. The development funding for this project has been mandated through the Capital Programme Officers Group (CPOG). This funding will facilitate construction of an improved path which is a key link between Efford and Marsh Mills.

£150,000 for the construction of a new crossing of Budshead Road for people to use when crossing to Whitleigh Green shops. By providing a controlled crossing to the local shops, residents will find it easier and be encouraged to walk to their local shops.

£48,000 for the implementation (construction) of physical measures to support our safer school streets programme. Works will include the tighten of the bell mouth of the junction which will act to reduce vehicle speeds and improve the crossing facilities for residents and school children.

£20,447 for essential enhancements and the early development of Dawes Lane, a key link between Brixton and Plymouth which condition has deteriorated.

£35,000 for the implementation (construction) of traffic signals at the Mutley Plain / Greenbank Road junction. This will enable the provision of a signal crossing at an existing signal junction.

£70,000 for the implementation (construction) of traffic signals at the Ham Drive / Honicknowle Lane junction. Again, this will provide pedestrians crossing facilities at an existing signalised junction.

£50,000 for essential enhancements to replace the fence between Lucas Terrace and Seagull Bridge. This will address safety concerns due to the deteriorating condition of an existing fence which acts as a barrier to a steep slope.

### Delivery Timescales

The terms stipulate that the funds should be committed by 31 March 2026 and spent by 31 March 2028.

All schemes should be completed by 31 March 2028.

**Consultation**

The statutory consultation process for changes to the highway will be followed for projects prior to their delivery.

**Procurement Approach**

The majority of funding is for minor network improvements and we propose to utilise South West Highways (SWH) via Plymouth Highways Term Maintenance Contract (PHTMC). The PHTMC provides the optimum route for delivery given the value of and type of work.

Works pertaining to signals will be undertaken utilising the Term Service Contract for Traffic Signals and related equipment with SWARCO.

Any professional services / design procurement requirements will be undertaken in accordance with the Council's self-service process seeking a minimum of 1 or 2 quotations, dependent on value.