



COMMUNITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMITTEE SUB-COMMITTEE - 20TH MAY 2009

**SUBJECT: ROAD TRAFFIC SCHEMES/YSBYTY YSTRAD FAWR HIGHWAY
IMPROVEMENTS**

REPORT BY:

1. As requested, detailed below you will find a summary of schemes/works proposed this financial year:-
 - St. Cenydd SRIC (Safe Routes in Communities) scheme - completion of on site phase 1 works and starts of walking and cycling improvements to the Aber Valley.
 - Newbridge SRIC scheme - completion of scheme with the new footbridge.
 - Blackwood Comprehensive School Travel Plan scheme: Phase 1 - traffic calming at Ty Isha Terrace and Bloomfield Road.
 - Traffic Management Traffic Regulation Order programme - various orders for yellow lines, limited waiting etc. around the Borough. Details to be confirmed in a report to the Regeneration Scrutiny Committee in June.
 - Implementation of 20 mph limits/zones around 4 no. schools (Cwmcarn primary school, Libanus primary school in Blackwood, Cwmfelinfach primary school, Bryn Awel primary school in Rhymney).
 - Minor works related to School Travel Plans.
 - Completion of the Phillipstown bus turning circle.
 - Completion of the Bargoed rail park and ride scheme and the Greater Bargoed Regeneration Scheme.
 - Introduction of a one-way system in Han bury Road and High Street, Bargoed (aiming for July).
 - Commencement of further rail improvements to the Rhymney line (Bargoed to Rhymney), over a two-year programme.
 - Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr highway improvements in Ystrad Mynach - Phase 1 continue to completion, Phase 4 - advance demolition of Alliance Carpets building (near the Royal Oak PH), Phase 2 and 4 - advance site clearance and dealing with ecological advance works.

2. With regards to the current progress of the Phase 1 Hospital Highway Improvement Works:-
 1. Water main diversion has been laid and Welsh Water are carrying out commissioning tests with a view to make the system live toward the end of May 2009.
 2. Construction has commenced on additional manholes on the trunk foul sewers adjacent to the eastern bridge abutment to satisfy WW/DC requirements, these works are programmed for completion mid-May 2009.
 3. Work is now underway on river bridge itself. Both the base and stem of the west abutment and the base of the central support under construction and are progressing on programme.

4. The next stage of works will involve construction of the central support column and the western bridge abutment.
5. Further traffic management arrangements to install narrow running lanes and create safe working space on the inner northbound on the A469 are programmed to be implemented in mid to late May.
6. To install the traffic management arrangements will require some full and partial lane closures of the A469 over a weekend period similar to the arrangements implemented during the works to lay the water main across the A469. Please note that the actual dates of installation of the traffic management are to be confirmed.
3. It should be noted that some of the budgets for this year have yet to be confirmed so the above is subject to change. Full details should be confirmed in the Divisional budget report that should be reported to the Regeneration Scrutiny Committee in July and will be forwarded for information at that time