Update - spring 2016

Work continues on delivering the Scheme to complete the Heysham to M6 Link. However the wet weather and flooding in the Lancaster area in December 2015 has still delayed progress to key areas and it is projected that the road will be opened to traffic in autumn 2016.

We'd also like to thank people for their continued support and patience while we build the link road which will connect the Heysham peninsula directly to the M6.

Construction Update

- Earthworks have now recommenced with the embankment by Lancaster and Morecambe College being constructed and top soil placed throughout the site. The earthworks should see completion in mid-summer 2016.

- Noise fencing is being installed on the newly constructed embankment and across Torrisholme Road Bridge adjacent to Lancaster and Morecambe College and nearby properties.

- Accommodation works continue at Morecambe Road School with stone now placed for a new access road in order to provide additional waiting space.

- The work required to realign the A6 Lancaster Road and construct Lancaster Road Bridge which will carry the existing A6 over the Heysham to M6 Link is still progressing well.

- Work continues to extend the existing Foundry Lane Bridge which carries the road over the M6 with the bridge deck now having been poured. This work is required to accommodate the new northbound slip road under Foundry Lane Bridge. It is planned that Foundry Lane will reopen at the end of June 2016.

- The Lune West Bridge being constructed over the River Lune has seen the completion of the concrete deck pours. Around 2,000m$^3$ of concrete has been poured to construct the bridge deck. It is hoped that this bridge will open to traffic in late summer 2016.

- Work is also progressing well to construct the main carriageway of the Heysham to M6 Link with large amounts of kerbing and drainage channels placed and blacktop being laid. The south facing slip roads (Northbound Off and Southbound On) opened to traffic in March 2016. The Southbound Off slip road is due to open by early June 2016.
Landscaping works have now mainly finished for the season but will recommence in early September 2016. This will again see thousands of shrubs and trees planted as well as grass and flower seeds sown. Currently over 30,000 plants have been sown.

Other News

The Bay Gateway (the official name for the Heysham to M6 Link) Open for Business Festival is proposed for Saturday 17 September 2016. The Festival will give people a chance to walk or cycle the new route and will also involve a charity fun run and cycle which should utilise the entire route. An event at Lancaster and Morecambe College will be staged with stalls sponsored by local businesses highlighting what the Morecambe/Heysham peninsula has to offer. Bay Radio are planning to provide entertainment.

It is proposed a separate 'official' opening event will take place later in autumn 2016 when the road is scheduled to be fully opened to the public.

Further details of the opening events will be shared in due course.

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Local Employment

The local community has continued to benefit from the scheme with Costain using local labour where possible.

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