
Two-year road programme launch signals 'We're Working On It'

The rumble of machinery on highways across the county signalled the launch of Transport for Buckinghamshire's (TfB) 'We're Working On It' two-year road resurfacing programme today (Tuesday August 16).

In the south of the county, Peter Hardy, Cabinet Member for Planning and Transport, was at Chalfont St Peter, to see a road team start work in The Vale, while at Winslow in the north of the county, David Rowlands, Cabinet Spokesman on Planning and Transport, met the team resurfacing a stretch of the A413.

The 'We're Working On It' programme, driven by County Councillors' priorities, follows the announcement in May by Council Leader Martin Tett that the repair of Buckinghamshire's roads would be a top priority. He announced a £25 million budget to be spent over the next two years on a repair programme drawn from 57 County Council Members' top five priorities.

Peter Hardy said: 'We have significantly increased the amount of money we are spending over the next two years on road repairs. This will help us make a start on addressing a very large backlog of repair work, but even this amount of investment is just one-tenth of what it will cost to bring the county's roads up to spec.'

David Rowlands said: 'The new approach to identify which roads get repaired, directly involves all County Councillors, who have the great advantage of knowing their local areas. They also receive information from their residents so they have been well placed to tell the TfB engineers which roads they feel are most in need of repair.'

Project Manager Kirk Adams said engineers had taken advantage of the school holidays and programmed work during the break to reduce disruption. Other work is taking place at night when little traffic is on the roads. 'This is a large two year programme so some disruption is unavoidable, and we apologise for this,' he said. 'But the benefits for residents will be well worth it!'

In the coming two years TfB expects to work on up to 285 schemes prioritised by Members. Next month (September) every councillor will be updated with the progress of their priority schemes and detail of what will be delivered during the coming financial year.

As the programme progresses information will be made available on the Service Information Centre www.buckscc.gov.uk/transport