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TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF WATERFORD
Roads Progress Report to end of May 2020

1. Road Works Programme

The Road Works Programme for 2020 including a list of strengthening jobs, surface dressing jobs and drainage jobs was approved by the members at the February 2020 Metropolitan District Meeting. Following this a tender for the macadam works was then prepared for advertising, however some roads required immediate attention and in order to complete these works the 2019 Macadam Contract awarded to Lagan Asphalt was extended. A number of locations were included; *The Dunmore Road, Grange Park Crescent, Grange Heights, Tramore Road at Woodies, Poleberry, Lower Branch Road in Tramore and Roselawn in Tramore*. Some of these locations were completed before the lockdown while the others have been completed since restrictions were lifted. The 2020 Macadam Contract was advertised on the 23rd of March 2020. Five tenders were received in total and the highest ranked tenderer withdrew from the Contract when it was offered to them in May. Roadstone Limited were the next ranked tenderer and they have accepted this Contract. Work on this is due to commence in the middle of July with dates yet to be confirmed. Work has commenced preparing roads for strengthening and surface dressing, but due to the covid 19 restrictions and delays, much of this work will now take place in late July, August and September.

2. Community Involvement schemes

No approval for funding for the CIS scheme for 2020 to date.

3. Low Cost Safety Schemes

The following is a list of schemes for which funding approval has been submitted for 2020 in the Metropolitan District:

- i. Barrack Street, Waterford - Narrow the road and install crossing point. Section 38 complete and approved.
- ii. Knockanduff Ballycarnane Tramore - footpaths and cycleway plus accommodation works (Part 8 approved). Works currently going to tender.
- iii. O Connell Street/Bridge Street - narrow junction with build outs and provide a shorter crossing for pedestrians.
- iv. Waterford Road, Tramore - build outs, footpath/cycleway plus pedestrian crossing. A Section 38 is required for the Waterford Road with a design nearing completion.

4. Coastal Repair works

The Tramore Pier application was successful while the Cheekpoint Pier application for repairs funding failed. The Project in Tramore Pier is now proceeding to detailed design and will be tendered in July. These Projects are 75% funded with the Council having to contribute 25%. The maximum allocation for any single Project is €200,000. Works should commence in September 2020.

5. Road Closures

The Prom in Tramore and a number of car parks to beaches were closed during the covid 19 lockdown period. The Lacken Road remains closed as the new LIHAF road in Kilbarry nears completion. Browns Lane fully re-opened to traffic as the new one-way system in the City came into operation in May.

6. Other Works

Events

No events during this period with many events cancelled for 2020 due to covid 19.

Public Lighting

Killaree Lighting Services Limited (KLS) are the Contractor responsible for the maintenance of the public lights in Waterford City and County. From March 2020 to May 2020 a total of 971 routine faults reported were repaired all within an average of 4.5 days. There were 34 Non routine faults during this period. Power supply issues and rewiring were the main issue with non routine repairs. Each case must be assessed individually and a quotation received and approved before any work can progress. These have become more frequent in recent Years due to an aging public lighting system. However, the budget for fixing these faults remains inadequate and therefore priority is given to the most urgent repairs. The investment in the last 30 years has been poor but the new LED light fitting Contract will see a major overhaul of the public lights system so that within 2/3 Years there will be significant improvements.

The covid-19 related lockdown imposed by the Taoiseach on the 27th of March effectively put a stop to all non essential works by outdoor staff and crews. This was only lifted on the 18th of May when phase 1 of the re-opening commenced. During the lockdown outdoor crews were limited to reacting to emergency call outs and carrying out essential works only. The jet patcher was permitted to work during this period repairing potholes across the District.

Tramore Area

- The Council Velocity Jet Patcher was working on roads across the Area.
- Drainage works on the Coast Road Tramore.
- Illegal dumping cleared at Drumcannon, Glen Road, Pickardstown, Coolnakapogue, Moonvoy and Cullencastle.
- Pothole repairs in around Tramore.

Dunmore Area

- The Council velocity jet patcher was in the area working on the R-708 at Ballygarran, the L-4068 at Corbally Beg, the L-8055 at Rosduff and the L-4076 at Ballyglan.
- Pothole repairs carried out on the L-8053 Orchardstown/Keiloge, the L-8044 at Kilmacleague East and the L-4070 at Glendudda.
- Bin collections continued once a week around the towns and beaches in the Area.
- Some illegal dumping at the bottle bank in Dunmore East had to be cleaned up.
- Cleaning signs on the L-4062 Quilla, the L-8039 Castletown and the L-4067 Ballygunnmore.
- There was one out of hours callout in May 2020 in Metro East Area.

Waterford City:

- Drainage works and clearing gullies at The Quay, Pearse Park, Ballytruckle, Lower Grange, Ursuline Crescent, St Herblain Park and aquadains at John Roberts Square and at the Bridge Hotel.
- Some potholes repaired at Otterans Place, Cannon Street, Ashe Road, Ferrybank, Shortcourse, Military Road, Avondale, Dunmore Road, German Road, Lacken Road, Prospect Mews, Gracedieu. Also Jet patcher working on the Green Road.
- Road signs replaced at Ferrybank, Dunmore Road, Outer Ring Road, Birchwood and Cleaboy Road.
- There were 5 out of hours emergency callouts in April and 8 in May for issues with faulty traffic lights, trees down and oil spills on roads.