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Lead Directorate	Operations and Transport (IHE)
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Associated Law(s) and/or Subordinate Legislation	Directions for the Control & Management of Streetworks (2008)
Action required if recommendation agreed	Department to take necessary action.

Resource Implications	There are no new financial and/or manpower implications.
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### **Purpose of the Report**

To approve a temporary relaxation of the controls laid down in the Directions for the Control & Management of Streetworks (2008) to allow the resurfacing and associated works on La Route Orange at two locations during the School summer holidays in 2022.

- Location No. 1 – 50m east of the junction with Le Chemin de Maudelaine to La Moye School
- Location No. 2 – 50m west of the Red House junction to approx 55m west of the junction with Le Clos de Sables.

### **Background**

The resurfacing works on La Route Orange for the two locations noted above are programmed for the School summer holidays 2021 (28 July to 8 August).

Route Orange is a Class 2 route as defined by the Government of Jersey (GoJ) Directions for the Control & Management of Streetworks (2008). The impact of the scheme is high and significant works with a highway roadworks impact of this level would not normally take place during the summer months. However, there are good reasons for deviating from the policy for these essential Highway Maintenance works.

### **Discussion**

The proposed work on La Route Orange resurfacing scheme will be broken down into phases to attempt to minimise disruption to residents and businesses as much as possible. The extent of the scheme is also noted on the attached drawing. To carry out the work efficiently a full road closure needs to be in place from 9:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday inclusive. In delaying start time until 09.00 it has been established that the peak morning traffic has passed which results in minimal disruption to commuter traffic. No work will be undertaken over weekend.

For the safety of motorists, no vehicular access can be permitted within the working area during those times. The phases have been designed as such to maintain access for all residents and businesses during the road closure.

There is a general presumption against work involving road closures or significant traffic delay during the summer (May to September inclusive). The 'Directions for the Control and Management of Streetworks' apply a Seasonal Restriction on La Route Orange during the summer period. The aim of the policy is to minimise the impact of the road works on seasonal / tourist based businesses.

The Highway Maintenance section of Infrastructure, Housing and Environment are seeking a relaxation of this policy for La Route Orange for the following reasons:

- The School holiday period is the only time to do a project outside a school safely to eliminate entirely any risks associated with school access. La Moye School is in the immediate vicinity, with the many vehicle movements associated with the school, many pupils and parents parking at Les Creux and walking through the site location to school, as well as those that can walk from the south also following a route through the proposed site.
- School summer holidays are an ideal time of the year to do such works where full road closures are required over a long period for resurfacing, as traffic levels are generally lower and time pressures on many motorists are reduced.

- Summer in general is an ideal time to do works of this nature with reduced risk of weather disruption and better working conditions generally leading to better value for money through better productivity.

Significant stakeholders have been identified immediately along the route, including shops, residents (by way of adjacent side streets) and public facilities such as a country park. There are also a number of businesses outside of the scheme whose patrons are likely to be affected by the works including hotels and other tourist centric businesses. There is however an effective diversion route for tourists and residents to continue to make their way to the major tourist destinations on the southwest corner of the island.

In addition to all communications with residential and commercial stakeholders, discussions have been undertaken with Liberty Bus Service to minimise disruption to their services. Measures including shuttle buses and diversions have been agreed by all parties.

### **Conclusion**

The implementation of working day road closures, identical to those adopted in previous schemes will provide a scheme completion in slightly over one week.

The completion of the works during the school summer holidays would be favourable as it mitigates the impact on school travel routes used by buses and parents, thus significantly reducing congestion on the surrounding roads, and eliminating all risks associated with travel to La Moye school for its pupils interacting with the work site.

Notwithstanding the case for doing this work during the summer holiday (seasonal restricted period), we believe that the general presumption against disruptive works during the summer remains relevant, it is not proposed to set a precedent for other types of roadworks by working outside the policy recommendations for this essential road maintenance project.

### **Recommendation**

The Minister is recommended to approve the closure of sections of La Route Orange during a seasonal restricted period during 9:00am – 6:00pm during school summer holidays 2022.

### **Reason(s) for Decision**

To ensure that the Planned Maintenance of the Island's road network can be carried out in a timely manner while having regard for the safety of children and the requirements of stakeholders and householders on the route.

### **Resource Implications**

There are no additional resource implications to carrying out this project during summer 2022 to those already identified to carry out the work.

### **Action Required**

Officers to liaise with Road Works Section to arrange for the permit to be issued to carry out the resurfacing of a major part of La Route Orange during summer 2021.