

A127 Economic Growth Corridor Task Force

October 2020

Via Microsoft Teams



Welcome and Apologies

Agenda

1. Actions from previous Task Force
2. Working Group Update
3. Project status update including comms
 1. Re-Trunking
 2. Fairglen including fly-through
 3. A127 MRN (Warley, Halfway House, Fortune of War and Pound Lane)
4. Project timeline
5. Any Other Business and future items

Actions from previous meeting

- Establishment of A127 Working Group
 - Completed
- Submission of A127 re-trunking letter to the Secretary of State
 - Completed
- Project team to provide information about potential future options
 - Previous work has established a Need for Intervention including identifying existing and future issues and objectives for the corridor – work on hold pending outcome of re-trunking discussions
- Update on ‘Blinking Owl’ development
 - Separate meeting is being set up as part of Duty to Co-operate with Castle Point Borough Council
- Examples of the A120 campaign to be sent to Task Force
 - Completed



Inaugural Working Group update

Working Group Update

- **Inaugural meeting – 6th October 2020**
- **Roadmap to re-trunking success**
 - **Looking post re-trunking process – Solutions/funding**
 - **Addressing more immediate needs throughout – MRN projects**
- **Identifying transport & non-transport benefits for re-trunking**
e.g. access to healthcare, economic benefits etc.

Project Updates

HE/ECC Strategic Collaboration Board - Feedback

- DfT recognised the excellent relationship Essex has with the department and Highways England in securing schemes in the Road Investment Strategy (e.g. A120, M11 Junction 7a, and A12)
- DfT highlighted some concern with pursuing re-trunking for several reasons:
 - Future rounds of the MRN funding is potentially a more realistic form of funding prior to re-trunking
 - A single voice from South Essex needs to articulate what is required for the form and function of the A127 e.g. more accessibility (for development) or less accessibility (for strategic trips)
 - Potential to seek funding for development of the case
- DfT are currently reviewing the Road Investment Strategy Road Map and want to review the extent of Strategic Road Network in Essex and Kent given the introduction of the Lower Thames Crossing – so there is an opportunity to influence
- DfT want to connect urban conurbations (Basildon and Southend) and the Airport but further dialogue over the extent of trunking is needed e.g. which is the right route for strategic traffic – Further opportunity for the A13 or A127?
- Key Immediate Next Steps:

Circulate letter to DfT and HE Officials in advance to give adequate foresight

Letter to SoS for Transport to commence dialogue

Meeting with Roads Minister

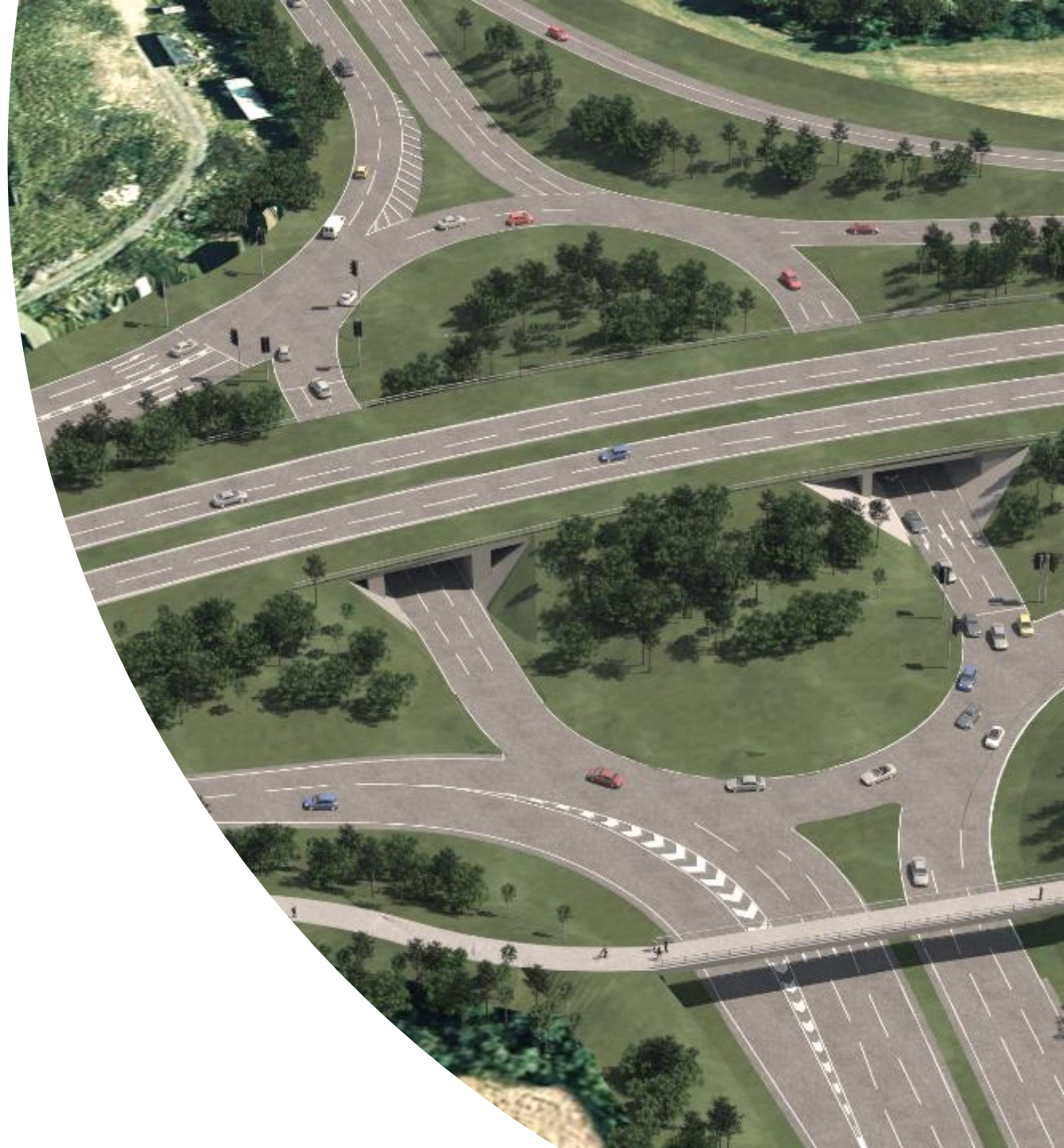
Lobby for development funding

Re-Trunking - Comms campaign

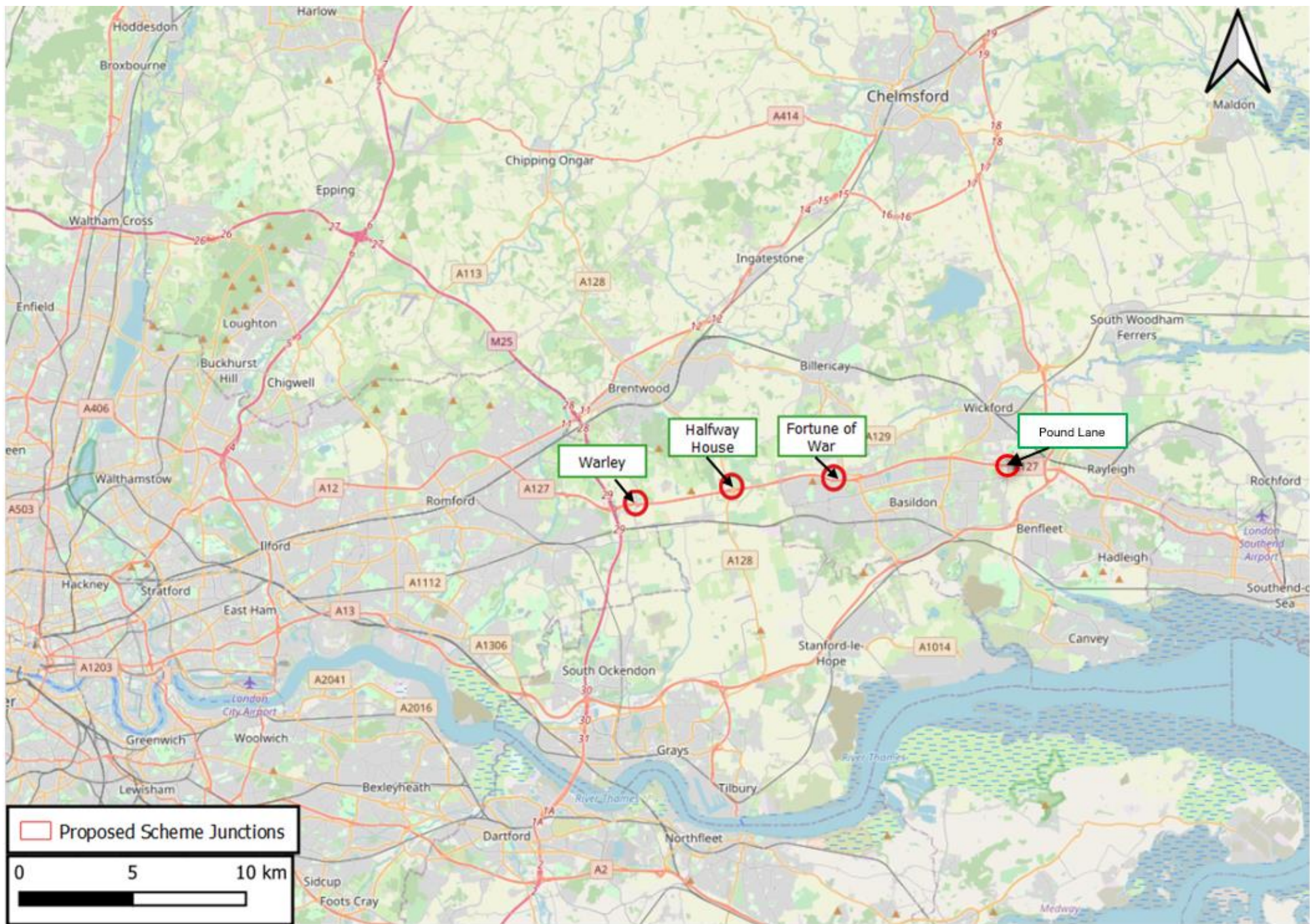
- Full communications and engagement plan
- Website updates
- Key messages briefing so advocates speak with 'one voice'
- Establishment of Business Board to harness support
- Correspondence and liaison with Transport East, DfT, HE, MPs and Ministers
- Communications activity (press releases, social media, newsletter content) to build momentum and keep story in the news
- Assist MPs with raising parliamentary questions
- Potential survey to demonstrate support for A127 aspirations
- Potential parliamentary reception to present case

Fairglen

- General tender update
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9cGJOr-PqMc&feature=emb_title



A127 MRN junctions

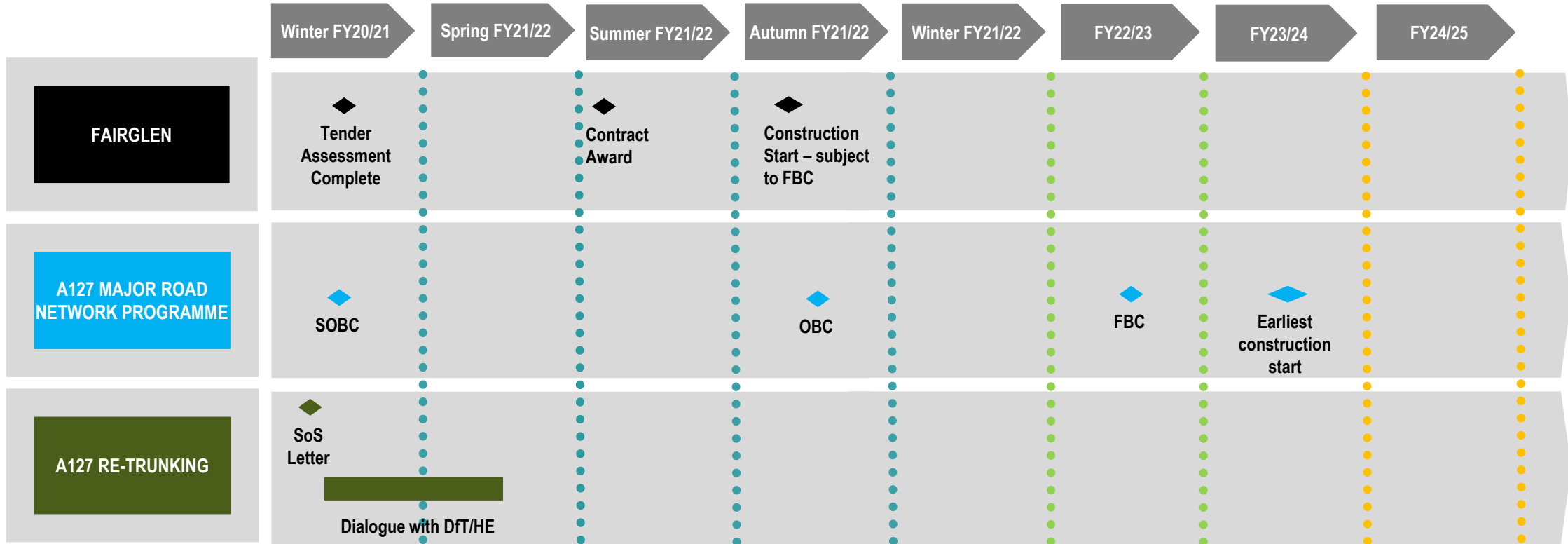


A127 MRN junctions

	Warley	Halfway House	Fortune of War	Pound Lane
Completed / Current Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of Base Transport Model. • Ongoing Development of Reference Transport Model. • Preparation for Problems, Objectives and Options workshops. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background information gathering and review.
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange Problems and Objectives workshop. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capture stakeholder comments. • Arrange Options Generation Workshop. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capture stakeholder ideas. • Undertake initial sift of options generated. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Base and Reference Transport Models. • Preparation for Problems, Objectives and Options workshops.

Project Timeline

Combined A127 projects milestone tracker





Any Other Business & Future Items