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An initiative to repair more than 40 miles of drought damaged roads is taking place in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

The scheme, which will include 20 sections of road has been made possible thanks to a joint bid by Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council to the Department for Transport.

A total of £3.5million was secured for the scheme, which will repair 9 sections of road affected by extreme weather conditions in Peterborough and another 11 in Cambridgeshire from December 2017 until June 2018. This fund has been topped up by both councils bringing the total investment to £6.25million.

It will mean a long-term approach to the maintenance of these roads and will mean all works can be carried out in one go, preventing the need for repeated costly repairs and extra disruption for drivers.

Most of the work will involve major road reconstruction, which will include repairing the road down to the foundation layers in some cases, and ensuring road surfaces are treated to be more resilient to extreme weather. General maintenance of vegetation, drainage, signage and road markings will also be carried out alongside this work.

Roads that will benefit from the funding in the Peterborough City Council area, along with approximate timings of works, are listed below:

- > B1167 French Drove, Thorney - all works are now complete
- > B1040 Crowland Road, Thorney - all works are now complete
- > B1443 Thorney Road, Newborough - due to start 20/03/18 for one week
- > Pearces Road, Fengate - all works are now complete
- > B1443 Bukehorn, Thorney - all works are now complete
- > B1040 Whittlesey Road (North of Thorney Dyke), Thorney - all works are now complete
- > B1167 Wisbech Road, Thorney - all works are now complete
- > B1167 New Cut (East Wryde to Wallace Drove) - all works are now complete
- > B1040 Station Road, Thorney - due to start 03/04/18 for 2 weeks

(This section will be updated with further information throughout the coming weeks)

Due to the extensive nature of the work, it will require roads to be fully closed for the duration of each scheme. Diversions will be signposted and local access maintained.

The schemes will be carried out as quickly as possible and letters will be delivered to local residents and businesses in advance of the work.

Cambridgeshire County Council, Peterborough City Council and its contractor Skanska are working together to minimise disruption to local residents and those who use the roads.

Details on the joint application to the Department for Transport's Challenge Fund can be found on the [Cambridgeshire County Council's website \(https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport-funding-bids-and-studies/transport-funding-bids/\)](https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport-funding-bids-and-studies/transport-funding-bids/).