

Department for Transport

Local Government Finance (England)

SPECIAL GRANT REPORT (No. 116)

Report by the Secretary of State for Transport under Section 88B of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.

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(Maintenance of Roads Grant 2003/2004)

Introduction

1. This report is made by the Secretary of State for Transport (“the Secretary of State”), and laid before the House of Commons, under section 88B of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (“the 1988 Act”), as substituted by paragraph 18 of Schedule 10 to the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
2. It specifies the Secretary of State’s determination of the authorities to which he proposes paying special grant, the purposes for which the grants are to be paid and the manner in which the amount of grant to be paid to each authority is to be calculated. It also contains an explanation of the main features of the determinations, and specifies the conditions which the Secretary of State intends to impose on the payment of the grants.
3. Before making the determinations and specifying the conditions referred to, the Secretary of State obtained the consent of HM Treasury.

The Purpose

4. Pursuant to section 88B(3)(b) of the 1988 Act, the Secretary of State hereby determines that the purpose for which special grants are to be paid is: -

to provide support to receiving authorities in England in recognition of their responsibilities for the routine maintenance of roads.

Amounts Payable to Authorities

5. Pursuant to section 88B(3)(a) and (c) of the 1988 Act, the Secretary of State hereby determines as the authorities to which the grants are to be paid, the authorities listed in Annex B and as the manner in which the amounts of grant are to be calculated, the manner of calculation described in Annex B.

Conditions for the Payment of Grant

6. Pursuant to section 88B(7) of the 1988 Act, the Secretary of State hereby specifies that the conditions which he intends to impose on the payment of grant are the conditions set out in Annex C.

Main Features

7. Annex A contains an explanation of the main features of the determinations specified in this Report.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

28 February 2003

John Spellar
Minister for Transport

The consent of the Treasury has been obtained to the making of the determinations specified in paragraphs 4 and 5 of, and Annex B to, this Report and to the imposition of the conditions referred to in paragraph 6 of, and specified in Annex C to, this Report.

4 March 2003

Nick Ainger
Jim Fitzpatrick
*Two of the Lords Commissioners
of Her Majesty's Treasury*

Explanation of the main features of the grant

1. The White Paper *A New Deal for Transport: Better for Everyone* and the report *A New Deal for Trunk Roads in England* (both published in July 1998) identified a core network of existing trunk roads which it was concluded continued to serve a strategic national purpose and should remain trunk roads. It was proposed that those non-core routes which appeared to serve only regional or local purposes should be transferred to local highway authority management. After consultation on the proposed core/non-core split it was confirmed that some 30% of the existing trunk road network should be de-trunked.

2. In recognition of the extra costs that would be incurred by local highway authorities taking over responsibility for de-trunked routes the Government gave a commitment to ensuring that de-trunking would be accompanied by a fair transfer of resources. Against the background of the review of local government finance which was then being carried out and the desire to leave the Standard Spending Assessment (SSA) formulae unchanged in 2001/02 and 2002/03, including the highways maintenance SSA formula, it was agreed with the Local Government Association that the most effective way of ensuring receiving authorities were provided with resources for the routine maintenance of de-trunked routes would be by means of special grants.

3. It was hoped that roads de-trunked by 30 August 2002 would now receive support via the new Revenue Support Grant formulae. However, as it has not proved possible yet to incorporate de-trunked road length data into the new Highway Maintenance Formula Spending Share formula it is necessary to continue to give Special Grant for roads already de-trunked as well as those to be de-trunked in 2003/04. As Revenue Support Grant is calculated on the basis of data received by the First Secretary of State before the Local Government Finance Report is made, where roads are de-trunked during the 2003/04 financial year, it would still have been necessary to provide Special Grant for those roads as they could not be taken into account in calculating Revenue Support Grant payable for that year.

4. Supplementary credit approvals will continue to be issued in respect of capital expenditure on de-trunked routes.

5. De-trunking of non-core routes will be phased over a number of years with the first transfers having taken place in 2001/02. Transfers take place pursuant to an Order under section 10 of the Highways Act 1980 which provides that an existing trunk road shall cease to be a trunk road from the date specified in the Order. Such an Order may provide that the date shall be the date on which the Secretary of State notifies the authority that it will become the highway authority responsible for that length of road.

Authorities to which grants are to be paid and manner of calculation of amounts of grant payable

1. A maximum amount of grant payable to an authority in respect of road maintenance costs for each road to be de-trunked has been calculated in accordance with a methodology developed by the Highways Agency and agreed with the Local Government Association. The methodology is based on a broadly typical unit rate for routine maintenance, expressed in terms of £/km of two-lane carriageway, with adjustments made for significant local factors including traffic levels and differences between urban and rural locations and enhanced by 2.5% per annum to allow for inflation. A basic unit rate of £7,500 per two-lane carriageway kilometre at 1999/2000 prices was derived from a study of expenditure on routine maintenance of trunk roads in three of the Highways Agency's maintenance areas covering parts of the South West, East Anglia and Lancashire. These areas were considered to give a good cross-section of geographic and climatic conditions.

Authorities to which the grants are to be paid, and manner of calculation of grants, for roads de-trunked before 1 April 2003

2. The authorities to which the grants are to be paid, in respect of roads de-trunked in the authority's area before 1 April 2003, are the authorities listed in Table 1 below. The amount of grant that will be paid to an authority for 2003/04 for each road de-trunked in the authority's area before 1 April 2003 is the amount shown against the name of the authority in Table 1 below. Where more than one road in an authority's area was de-trunked before 1 April 2003, the total amount that will be paid to the authority for 2003/04 is the total of the amount for each of these roads, and is shown in bold in Table 1 below.

Table 1

Bedfordshire County Council		
A6	(Luton – Bedford)	£603,187
A428	(A421 junction – Milton Keynes boundary)	<u>£325,835</u>
		£929,022
Birmingham City Council		
A452	(north part of junction with A4041 and B4138)	£1,139

City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council	
A58 (Calderdale boundary – Kirklees boundary)	£43,959
A650 (Westgate Hill Street – A62 Drigh Bypass)	<u>£28,850</u>
	£72,809
Buckinghamshire County Council	
A41 (Oxfordshire boundary – Weston Mead Farm)	£434,193
Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council	
A58 (Halifax – Bradford boundary)	£66,209
Cambridgeshire County Council	
A10 (Hertfordshire boundary – Norfolk boundary)	£647,535
Cheshire County Council	
A6 (A6015 – Stockport boundary)	£132,390
A41 (South of Chester – Shropshire boundary)	£223,523
A49 (Shropshire boundary – Warrington boundary)	£355,980
A51 (Chester – Nantwich)	£240,210
A54 (A51 – A556)	£107,622
A500 (A51 – Cheerbrook roundabout)	£33,233
A523 (Staffordshire boundary – Stockport boundary)	£422,466
A556 (A54 – M6)	<u>£315,911</u>
	£1,831,335
Cornwall County Council	
A39 (Indian Queens – Devon boundary)	£662,287
Derby City Council	
A6 (A38 Allestree r/bout – Derbyshire boundary)	£58,920
A52 (A38 Markeaton Park r/bout - Derbyshire boundary)	<u>£40,630</u>
	£99,550
Derbyshire County Council	
A6 (City of Derby boundary – Cheshire boundary)	£1,075,440
A52 (City of Derby boundary – Staffordshire boundary)	£235,889
A61 (A38 junction – Sheffield boundary)	£733,972
A516 (City of Derby boundary – A50 junction)	<u>£124,457</u>
	£2,169,758
Devon County Council	
A39/A361 (Cornwall boundary – Barnstaple – M5 junction 27)	£948,125
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	
A638 (St. Marys – Redhouse)	£140,736
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	
A15 (Humber Bridge roundabout – junction with Ferriby High Road)	£28,727

Gloucestershire County Council		
A38 (M50 – Worcestershire boundary)		£11,032
Halton Borough Council		
A557 (M62 – Widnes Bridge, Runcorn)		£184,385
Kirklees Council		
A58 (Calderdale boundary – Leeds boundary)		£48,842
Leeds City Council		
A650 (Westgate Hill Street – A62)		£49,688
Lincolnshire County Council		
A15 (A46 junction – North Lincolnshire boundary)		£230,625
A16 (B1081 – North-East Lincolnshire boundary)		£1,365,300
A17 (Nottinghamshire boundary – Norfolk boundary)		£1,127,500
A43 (Peterborough boundary – A16 junction)		£7,880
A46 (A15 junction - A57 junction)		£62,525
B1525 (A15 junction – A16 junction)		<u>£54,633</u>
		£2,848,463
Milton Keynes Borough Council		
A428 (Bedfordshire boundary – Northamptonshire boundary)		£52,323
Norfolk County Council		
A10 (Cambridgeshire boundary – A47 Hardwick r/bout)		£323,851
A17 (A47 – Lincolnshire boundary)		£123,000
A134 (A10 – A11)		£325,183
A140 (A47 – Suffolk boundary)		<u>£356,659</u>
		£1,128,693
North Lincolnshire Council		
A15 (M180 junction 5 – 120 metres north of Dam Road, Barton-upon-Humber)		£266,317
A15 (M180 junction 4 – Lincolnshire boundary)		<u>£84,050</u>
		£350,367
North Yorkshire County Council		
A64 (Musham Bank – Queen Margaret’s r/bout)		£15,375
Northamptonshire County Council		
A43 (Peterborough boundary – A47)		£60,411
A45 (Warwickshire boundary – Weedon Road r/bout)		<u>£219,327</u>
		£279,738
North-East Lincolnshire Council		
A16 (B1219 – Lincolnshire boundary)		£10,250

Nottinghamshire County Council	
A17 (A46 – Lincolnshire boundary)	£51,250
A57 (A1 at Apleyhead – Rotherham boundary)	£128,125
A606 (A46 junction – A52 junction)	£115,825
A614 (A60 junction – A616/A6075 junction at Ollerton)	<u>£343,375</u>
	£638,575
Oxfordshire County Council	
A40 (A44 - M40)	£355,207
A44 (A34 – A40)	£30,576
A361/A423 (Warwickshire boundary – A361/A422 r/bout)	<u>£81,731</u>
	£467,514
Peterborough City Council	
A43 (Lincolnshire boundary – Northamptonshire boundary)	£10,506
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	
A57 (Nottinghamshire boundary – M1 junction 31)	£128,125
St. Helens Metropolitan Borough Council	
A557 (M62 – Widnes Bridge, Runcorn)	£39,924
Shropshire County Council	
A41 (M54 junction 3 – Cheshire boundary, excluding that part in Telford and Wrekin)	£353,497
A49 (Prees Heath – Shrewsbury)	<u>£245,047</u>
	£598,544
Staffordshire County Council	
A34 (Walsall boundary – Stoke boundary)	£587,108
A52 (Derbyshire boundary – A523)	£139,896
A449 (A5 Gailey r/bout – A34 Queensway)	£189,344
A523 (A52 junction – Cheshire boundary)	£227,804
A5011 (A34 junction – Cheshire boundary)	<u>£11,365</u>
	£1,155,517
Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council	
A6 (Cheshire boundary – Newmoor Lane)	£228,376
A523 (Cheshire boundary – A6)	<u>£46,699</u>
	£275,075
Stoke City Council	
A34 (Staffordshire boundary – A500 Queensway r/bout)	£97,863
Suffolk County Council	
A12 (Ipswich – Lowestoft)	£1,293,381
A140 (Norfolk boundary – A14)	<u>£ 311,524</u>
	£1,604,905

Tameside Council		
A57	(M60 – Manchester boundary)	£45,671
Telford & Wrekin Council		
A41	(Southern boundary with Shropshire – Northern boundary with Shropshire)	£110,934
Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council		
A452	(North of Chester Road r/bout – B5011 junction)	£93,915
Warrington Borough Council		
A49	(M56 – Cheshire boundary)	£14,073
Warwickshire County Council		
A45	(Northamptonshire boundary – M45 r/bout)	£46,354
A423	(Ryton-on-Dunsmore r/bout – A361/A422 r/bout)	<u>£253,898</u>
		£300,252
Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council		
A41	(M53 – Birkenhead)	£249,897
Worcestershire County Council		
A38	(Gloucester boundary – Birmingham boundary)	£336,719

Authorities to which the grants are to be paid and manner of calculation for roads de-trunked on or after 1 April 2003 and before 1 April 2004

3. The authorities to which the grants are to be paid, in respect of roads to be de-trunked in the authority's area in 2003/04 are the authorities listed in Table 2 below and the maximum amount of grant that may be payable to an authority for 2003/04 for each road to be de-trunked in the authority's area in 2003/04 is the amount shown against the name of the authority in Table 2 below. Where more than one road in an authority's area will be de-trunked during 2003/04, the maximum total amount that may be payable to the authority for 2003/04 is the total of the amount for each of these roads, and is shown in bold in Table 2 below.

Table 2

Bedfordshire County Council		
A6	(Manton Lane roundabout – Northants boundary)	£218,115
City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council		
A65	(Burley Hall r/bout – North Yorkshire boundary)	£183,885
A629	(Hard Ings r/bout - North Yorkshire boundary)	£76,163
A660	(Burley r/bout – City of Leeds boundary)	<u>£11,348</u>
		£271,396

Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council		
A646 (A6139 – Lancashire boundary)		£468,167
Coventry City Council		
A45 (A46/A444 junction – Solihull boundary)		£229,251
Cumbria County Council		
A7 (Carlisle boundary – Scottish border)		£131,299
A65 (M6 – Lancashire boundary)		£105,427
A69 (M6 – Carlisle boundary)		£4,719
A590 (Levens Bridge slip roads)		£15,398
A595 (Carlisle boundary – Thursby roundabout)		£55,665
A596 (Lillyhall – Thursby roundabout)		<u>£541,510</u>
		£854,018
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council		
A638 (Doncaster – Nottinghamshire boundary at Bawtry)		£68,712
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council		
A4123 (Birmingham boundary – Wolverhampton boundary)		£218,981
Durham County Council		
A167 (A1(M) junction 59 – A1(M) junction 63)		£452,566
East Riding of Yorkshire Council		
A63 (North Yorkshire boundary – A63/A614 r/bout)		£75,139
A614 (Longs Corner roundabout – M62)		£30,055
A1079 (City of York – Dunswell Drain)		<u>£604,337</u>
		£709,531
Gloucestershire County Council		
A48 (A40 Highnam – Welsh border)		£371,515
A417 (M5 – A40)		<u>£19,317</u>
		£390,832
Hampshire County Council		
A339 (A30 – West Berkshire boundary)		£408,000
Hertfordshire County Council		
A41 (A4251 - A5183)		£1,215,838
A405 (Park Street roundabout - M25)		£83,935
A405 (M1 – A41)		£119,166
A414 (A1(M) – M10)		£261,808
A1001 (A1(M) junction 2 – A1(M) junction 4)		<u>£134,665</u>
		£1,815,412
Kent County Council		
A259 (A2070 – M20)		£234,789

Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council	
A580 (Liverpool boundary – St Helens boundary)	£197,460
Lancashire County Council	
A59 (Sefton boundary – Preston boundary at River Ribble)	£498,310
A59 (Preston boundary at Brockholes Bridge – North Yorkshire boundary)	£568,735
A65 (Cumbria boundary - North Yorkshire boundary)	£45,282
A565 (Water Lane, Crossens - A59 at Tarleton)	£131,215
A570 (St Helens boundary - Sefton boundary)	£338,023
A646 (Calderdale boundary - junction with A679 at Burnley)	£201,830
A679 (A646 – roundabout north-east of M65 junction 9)	£16,516
M65 (Junction 8 – Junction 10)	<u>£163,303</u>
	£1,963,214
Leeds City Council	
A63 (M1 – A1)	£163,918
A64 (Whinmoor roundabout – N Yorks boundary)	£96,490
A660 (Bradford boundary – Weetwood roundabout)	£209,468
A6120 (Weetwood roundabout – M1)	<u>£253,390</u>
	£723,266
Leicestershire County Council	
A6 (North of Leicester – M1 junction 24)	£425,400
A6 (South of Leicester – Northamptonshire boundary)	£317,073
A47 (Leicester – Rutland boundary)	<u>£152,700</u>
	£895,173
Lincolnshire County Council	
A57 (Lincoln – Nottinghamshire boundary)	£135,300
Liverpool City Council	
A580 (Croxteth bridge – Knowsley boundary)	£5,397
North Yorkshire County Council	
A19 (Thirsk – City of York boundary)	£355,343
A19 (City of York boundary – Selby)	£116,183
A59 (Lancashire boundary – Skipton)	£89,298
A64 (Leeds boundary – A1)	£8,278
A65 (Lancashire boundary – Bradford boundary)	£552,256
A1041 (Selby – East Riding of Yorkshire boundary)	<u>£126,650</u>
	£1,248,008
Northamptonshire County Council	
A6 (Leicestershire boundary – A14)	£93,660
A47 (Rutland boundary – Peterborough boundary)	<u>£35,700</u>
	£129,360

Northumberland County Council		
A68/A696 (Prestwick Road End – Carter Bar)		£525,000
Nottingham City Council		
A6514 (A52 – A60)		£380,000
Nottinghamshire County Council		
A57 (Lincolnshire boundary – A1 at Markham Moor)		£87,125
A60 (A6514 junction – A614 junction)		£123,000
A614 (A616/A6075 Ollerton junction – A1 at Apleyhead)		<u>£109,675</u>
		£319,800
Oxfordshire County Council		
A40 (A34 – Gloucestershire boundary)		£359,498
A41 (M40 – Buckinghamshire boundary)		£150,226
A420 (A34 – Swindon boundary)		£396,892
A423 (A34 south of Oxford – A4142)		<u>£94,596</u>
		£1,001,212
Peterborough City Council		
A47 (Northamptonshire boundary – A1 at Wansford)		£45,100
Rutland County Council		
A47 (Leicestershire boundary – Northamptonshire boundary)		£159,046
St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council		
A570 (A580 north of St Helens to Lancashire boundary)		£104,310
A580 (Knowsley boundary – M6 - Wigan boundary)		<u>£383,034</u>
		£487,344
Salford City Council		
A580 (Wigan boundary – M60 junction 14)		£134,477
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council		
A4123 (Birmingham boundary – Dudley boundary)		£364,175
Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council		
A59 (Switch Island – Lancashire border)		£114,344
A565 (Liverpool City boundary – junction with Coastal Road/Liverpool Road/Moor Lane, east of Woodvale)		£571,749
A570 (Sefton boundary – Kew Island, Southport)		<u>£8,693</u>
		£694,786
Slough Borough Council		
A4 (M4 junction 5 – GLA boundary)		£69,539
A4 (M4 junction 5 roundabout)		<u>£24,036</u>
		£93,575

Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council	
A45 (Coventry boundary – Warwickshire boundary)	£45,010
Staffordshire County Council	
A34 (A500 Talke r/bout – A5011 Linley Road junction)	£28,990
Swindon Borough Council	
A420 (Oxfordshire boundary – A419)	£41,774
Warwickshire County Council	
A45 (Solihull boundary – A452 Stonebridge r/bout)	£43,660
West Berkshire Council	
A339 (Hampshire boundary – The Fox & Hounds Pub)	£161,201
Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council	
A580 (St Helens boundary – Salford boundary)	£431,811
City of York Council	
A19 (A1237 – North Yorkshire boundary)	£38,082
A19 (Fulford interchange – North Yorkshire boundary)	£109,278
A64 (Top Lane – A1036 eastbound exit slip road)	£8,279
A1079 (Grimston Bar roundabout – East Riding of Yorkshire boundary)	£78,233
A1237 (A19 – A64)	<u>£113,417</u>
	£347,289

4. The amount paid to each authority for each length of road specified in Table 2 above will be the amount specified against the name of the road pro-rated to reflect the proportion of the financial year 2003/04 remaining on the date that the authority becomes responsible for that length of road pursuant to a de-trunking order. In the event that not all of a length of road listed above in an authority's area is de-trunked within the financial year 2003/04, then the amount paid will also be pro-rated to reflect the actual length of road de-trunked in that financial year.

Conditions

1. No grant will be paid to an authority in respect of a length of road listed for that authority in Table 2 in Annex B to this report unless that authority becomes responsible for maintaining some or all of the length of road pursuant to a de-trunking order on or after 1 April 2003 and before 1 April 2004.
2. Grant will be paid to an authority within 8 weeks after the authority becomes responsible for maintaining the length of road in question, pursuant to a de-trunking order, or within 8 weeks of Parliamentary approval of this Report if later.

