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PARKING INCOME INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

OVER £1m of parking income is to be invested in the district in the next twelve months. The spending of on-street parking income is legally governed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which stipulates that once parking needs are fully satisfied the remaining surplus can be used for the provision or operation of public transport services or facilities or for highway improvement projects. The funding cannot be used for highway or footpath maintenance work.

As well as providing for rural road safety projects, accident prevention schemes and traffic signal improvements, a £350,000 investment is being made to the half-fare public transport concessionary scheme for disabled people and the over 60s and £25,000 is being allocated to fund improvements in Commercial Street, Harrogate following the recent implementation of pay and display parking.

Councillor Julian Sturdy, Cabinet Member for Public Works, said: “This is a significant amount of investment in the district and we obviously have competing schemes. But those which have been approved for recommendation to North Yorkshire County Council have the highest priority. In particular, an increase in the uptake of public transport concessionary fares has meant we need to significantly increase our contribution to the scheme. And, we are also honouring our promise to traders in Commercial Street to use the income generated to fund improvements in the street. This will include the introduction of CCTV cameras and provision of signage to direct shoppers to the street.”

The full allocation is as follows:

£350,000	Towards providing public transport concessions for disabled people and the over 60s
£175,000	West Park Multi-storey car park structural repairs
£120,000	Funding for CCTV operating costs
£120,000	Rural road safety schemes
£110,000	Accident prevention projects
£30,000	Continuation funding for Knaresborough Park and Ride
£35,000	Review of traffic signals in Harrogate and Knaresborough
£35,000	Towards completion of the Harrogate and Knaresborough cycling implementation plan

£30,000 Upgrading of personal safety in Victoria Multi-storey car park

£20,000 Safe route to school projects

£20,000 Rural Transport Partnership

FURTHER INFORMATION: Councillor Julian Sturdy is available for comment on 07836 692010. For technical information contact John Burton, Chief Engineer on 01423 556606.