

Background Documents

Principal Contractor: Alun Griffiths Contractors for all identified Bridges within the Project.

Vauxhall Footbridge

Work commenced in	September 2023
Revised New completion	June 2026
Original estimate	2.0 million
Revised estimate	4.30 million
Spend to date	1.66 million

Bridge was found to be in a very poor structural condition once stone slab decking was removed and now the bridge requires replacement of up to 75% of deck cross beams as well as extensive repairs to main outer beam girders and lattices. Bridge is Grade 2 Listed and thus requires appropriate Listed working methods. Once completed, bridge will be structurally sound and will be still much cheaper than a new replacement Bridge.

Gaol Ferry Footbridge

Completed	October 2023
Original Estimate	1.50 million
Completed Estimate	1.60 million

Full extensive structural refurbishment of this high-profile footbridge, along with new GRP Decking and a full repainting.

Bedminster New Bridge

Work not yet commenced, but will be "merged" in with the CRSTS Major City Centre Project	
Original Estimate	1.87 million
Revised Estimate	1.08 million
Spend to date	£136,257.61

Investigations on Bridge indicate that bridge was in a better condition, especially the prestressed beams, hence the reduction in forecasted Works estimate. Refurbishment Works now agreed to be merged with the future Major Challenge funded City Centre Works, to minimise Network disruption and to save on overall costs due to efficiencies.

Langton Street Footbridge (Banana Bridge)

Work commenced in	13 th May 2024
Revised New completion	31 st August 2025
Original estimate	1.70 million
Revised estimate	1.20 million
Spend to date	£647,915.70

Once pennant stone paving decking was removed, the substructure of bridge was found to be in a better condition than had been originally feared, hence the reduction on forecasted costs. Grade 2 Listed Bridge and thus requires appropriate Listed working method. On programme to be open in August 2025.

Bath New Bridge

Work not yet commenced, but programmed to commence in June 2025 and take 6 months.	
Original Estimate	1.87 million
Revised Estimate	£768,000.00

Spend to date £136,257.61

Investigations on Bridge indicate that bridge was in a better condition, especially the prestressed concrete beams, hence the reduction in Works estimate. Refurbishment Works now agreed to be able to possibly commence once York Road River Wall stabilisation Works have reached a stage that York Road can be fully reopened to vehicular Traffic, to help reduce the overall impact on the road Network, whilst working on the bridge.

Sparke Evans Footbridge

Work commenced on	30 th October 2023
Revised New completion	31 st October 2025
Original estimate	2.00 million
Revised estimate	2.530 million
Spend to date	£1,425,000.00

Bridge was found to be in a fair to poor condition, especially the cable anchor blocks, and the suspension cables themselves. However these major issues have now been resolved and completed, and the remainder of the works are progressing as was originally planned and forecasted, with no further new condition issued expected to be found.

Saint Phillips Causeway Viaduct (Spine Road), Outline Business Case (OBC) Development

Work commenced on	2 nd April 2024
Revised New completion	31 st December 2024
Original estimate	£550,000.00
Revised estimate	£551,000.00
Spend to date	£142,192.26

All Principal Inspections now completed on this 18 No. span viaduct structure and the BCC Bridges Team now awaiting submission of these Reports. Outline Business Case (OBC), for the Refurbishment of the complete structure has been submitted and is now awaiting approval. WECA have been given OBC costings for the implementation of Phase 1 (substructure) Works and BCC await final approval to commence Phase 1 (substructure) refurbishment works.

New Brislington Bridge – Outline Business Case (OBC) Development and Strategic Structural Repairs

Completed	12 th December 2024
Original Estimate	£950,000.00
Completed Estimate	1.16 million

Extensive Strategic Concrete repairs to whole Bridge, plus the installation of concrete Vehicle Containment Barriers. Awaiting development of the OBC and Executive Director decision to potentially expand the full Project as part of the OBC to also include the proposed construction of a replacement bridge along with further proposed improvement or replacement proposals to include both Netham Lock Bridges and flood resilience BASF improvements.

Bathurst Bridge

Work was due commenced on	3 rd March 2025, but has not due to Contractor commercial difficulties
Revised New completion	TBC
Original estimate	1.30 million
Revised estimate	TBC
Spend to date	Zero

Work was due to commence on this bridge on the 3rd of March 2025, but has not, as the intended approved Principal Contractor, has now informed BCC that due to Commercial reasons within the Company and an ongoing restructuring, Alun Griffiths Contractors would not be taking on this Project.

Currently BCC is in immediate discussions with another approved Contractor on the BCC Framework Contract with the intention of this alternative new Contractor taking on this new work. Discussions have been proceeding and at this time of reporting it is hoped that this is an achievable route that should be successful and thus at this point it is hoped that the Work will commence sometime in late Spring/Summer 2025.