

# Preparing for Cycle Races

## Lessons learned from delivering the Tour de Yorkshire

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# Overview

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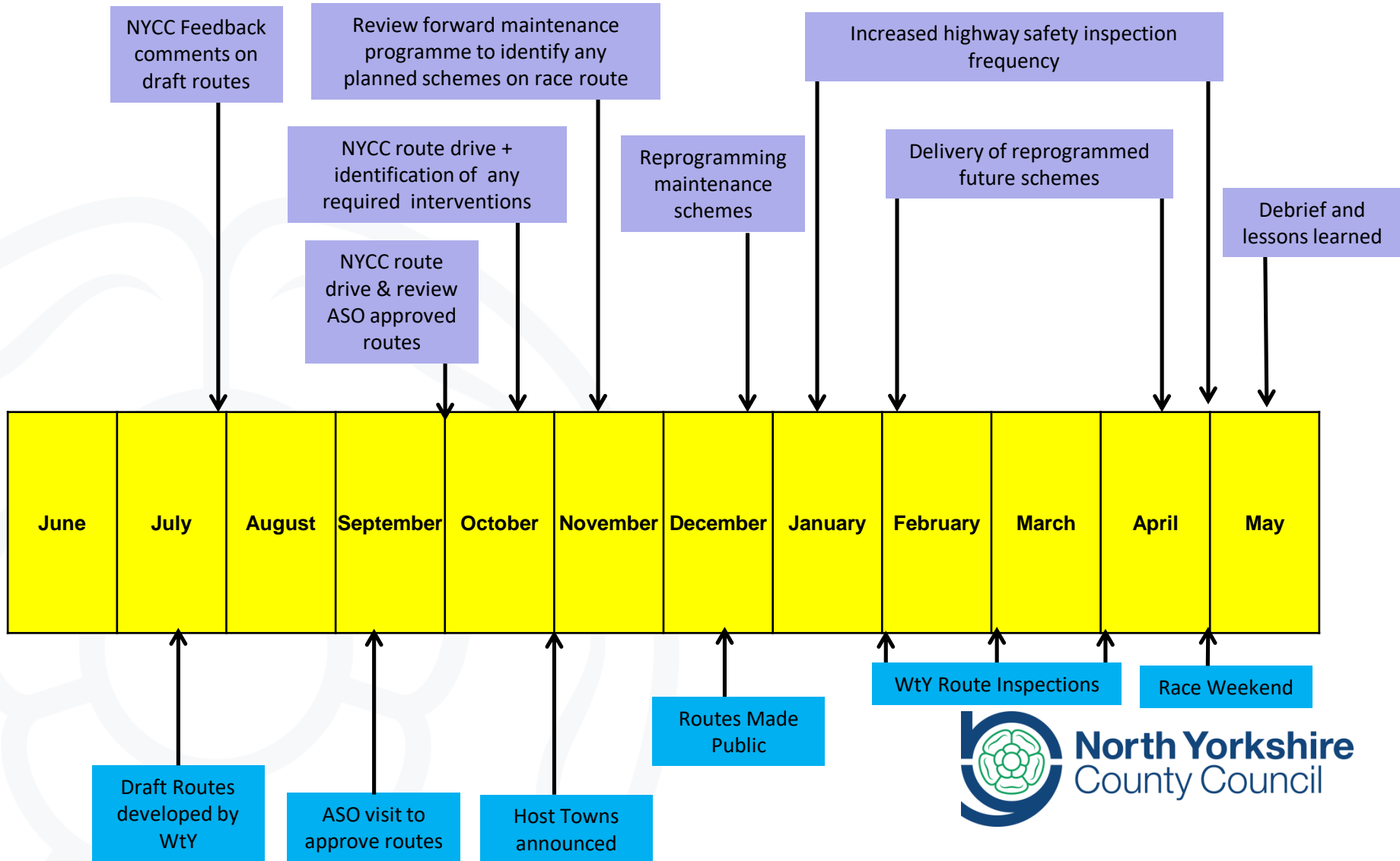
# Tour de Yorkshire

- 3 day men's race
- 1 day women's race
- Legacy from TdF Grand Depart 2014
- Developing a strong reputation
  - Large Crowds
  - Community involvement
  - Media coverage
- Possibly 4 day men's and 2 day Women's race from 2018

# Key Challenges

- Help deliver a safe and successful event
- Public highway is the “field of play”
  - As highway authority we are effectively the groundskeeper!
- Reputational risk is high
- Ensure any repairs are carried out in line with our maintenance policy.
  - Actionable defects in line with our Highway Safety Inspection Manual
  - We don't provide a “Gold” level of surface condition
- Condensed Timeframe to deliver any required highway works.
- Delivering a road race – not on the track in the Velodrome

# Timeline



# Delivering schemes on the race route

- Planning is key
  - 3 year rolling programme = more capacity & flexibility in Q4
  - Use this capacity to deliver reprogrammed schemes
  - Avoid conflict with race and other planned works
  - Deliver appropriate schemes
- Communication
  - Keep our partners up to date with planning of works on race route
  - Manage public expectations
  - Manage expectations of Welcome to Yorkshire & ASO
- Streetworks restrictions
  - 7-10 days before the event
  - Race route and key access routes

# On Race Day

- NYCC Highway Officers and maintenance teams on duty
  - Responsible for section of route
  - Inspections right up until race day
  - Resolving last minute defects
- Normal incident response structure in place
  - Assisted by additional sweepers / jetters
  - Weather dependent – gritters and ploughs!
- May at times seem like overkill – but it is needed.



# Future Improvements

- Utility companies and Section 81 defects
  - Earlier involvement through YHAUC group
  - Better monitoring of S81 defect remedial work
- Lengthening the lead in time from route confirmation to the race
  - What ideas are in place for future races
- Improve WtY understanding of actionable defects!
- Explore additional funding opportunities – linking to economic growth
  - ESIF funding
  - Highway Maintenance challenge fund

# What's next?

- Tour de Yorkshire 2018 planning is underway
- Tour de Yorkshire 2019
- UCI World Road Race Championships 2019
  - 9 day event
  - 7 days of races
  - Men's and Women's races
- Return of the Tour de France???

# Any Questions??

