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Don’t let crime threaten the delivery of your maintenance or upgrade project. By following these three key steps you can proactively minimise threats and ensure your project is delivered on time and on budget:

1 - Really understand the risks:

- Carry out a full desktop survey using good multi-industry crime data
- This will help you to narrow down and rank your risk areas (high, medium or low)
- Gather information on current local crime activities, such as drug abuse, trespass, and cable theft
- Identify the local second hand market, including scrap metal dealers

2 - Identify key vulnerabilities:

- Get boots on the ground in high risk areas in order to gather detailed crime-prevention intelligence on-site - professional expertise is very likely to be required. Local Police may also be able to help with this
- Identify vulnerable motorway perimeter access points, such as low wooden access gates, poor fencing or no fencing
- Consider those assets most at risk and apply the appropriate mitigation measures
- Search for signs of criminal activity, for example where cable has been stripped, and evidence of drug and alcohol abuse

3 - Lay the foundation:

- Prioritise areas identified as high risk
- Don’t try to tackle this alone. Partner with local police and external professionals with crime prevention experience
- Have frequent meaningful two-way communications with all parties involved to share insight, ideas and results
- Publicise what you are doing through the media and signage, and widely report arrests and convictions. It will help prevent repeat incidents and make criminals perceive motorways as hostile environments.

PROTECT THE PROJECT

Once you have carried out the above three steps you will be in a really strong position to add further value to your project and protect it.

Use the intelligence you have gathered to make decisive decisions based on facts - it will save you significant time and money.

Given your new level of understanding consider whether current scoped mitigation measures are appropriate and cost effective.

DYNAMIC ASSESSMENT

Crime is constantly evolving. To stay one step ahead you need to regularly review your mitigation measures and determine if they are working efficiently to protect the project:

- Are they the right measures?
- Are they being deployed in the right place?
- Are they being used at the right time?

Remember, managing risk should be self-funding.

DON’T RISK YOUR PROJECT

If you truly understand the risk to your project and have the knowledge to make informed decisions, then you have everything you need to mitigate the threats you face. Intelligent project delivery should be self-funding by reducing the impact of crime on your project, thereby providing a legacy for operational motorway networks and infrastructure.

If you need any help, or have any questions then please don’t hesitate to contact us for further information.

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