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The transport partnership for Aberdeen City and Shire

## North East Transport Consultative Forum

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## Programme

- 1730 Opening Session
- Welcome and Introduction - Nestrans Chair - Cllr Kevin Stewart
  - Nestrans Update - Rab Dickson
- 1740 Business Session
- Bus Action Plan – Neill Birch, MVA
  - Freight Action Plan – Paul Finch, Faber Maunsell
  - Road Casualty Reduction Strategy – Insp. Tom Forester, Grampian Police
- 1835 Workshop Groups
- 1935 Plenary Session
- 2000 Buffet and Informal Discussion

## Regional Transport Strategy - Vision

Our vision for transport underpins our objectives and actions:

*“A transport system for the north east of Scotland which enables a more economically competitive, sustainable, and socially inclusive society.”*



## Regional Transport Strategy ... what it does

Supports:

- Government purpose and objectives and National Transport Strategy
  - sustainable economic growth
- ACSEF Economic Manifesto and Action Plan
- Structure Plan growth
  - 72,000 homes by 2030
- Framework for Local Transport Strategies



## Regional Transport Strategy ... 21 Strands

### External Connections Strategy

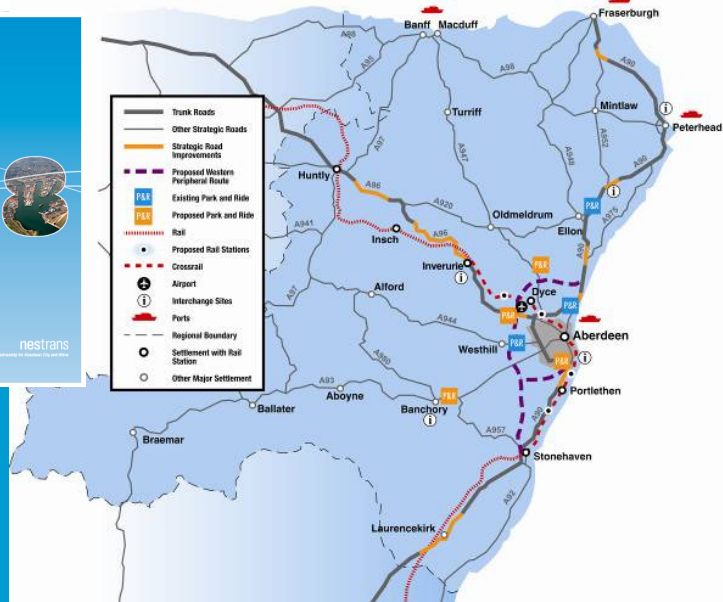
- Rail Links and Services
- Strategic Roads
- Inter-regional Bus + Coach Travel
- Connections by Sea
- Connections by Air

### Internal Connections Strategy

- Rail
- Road Improvements
- Bus Improvements, incl. DRT and Interchange
- Walking + Cycling
- Airport Connections
- Port Connections
- Freight
- Powered Two Wheelers

### Strategic Policy Framework

- Promoting Travel Plans and Travel Awareness
- Promoting Active Travel
- Improving Safety
- Changing Choices through Incentives and Partnerships
- Using Enforcement
- Parking



### Delivering the RTS

#### Four Action Plans

- Health & Transport Action Plan
- Rail Action Plan
- Bus Action Plan
- Freight Action Plan

#### Other Strategy Work

- Travel Planning Strategy
- Car Parking Strategy
- Monitoring and Statistical Background
- Cycling & Walking

#### Studies

- Access from the South
- Locking in Benefits of AWPR
- Access from the north
- Haudagain study
- Park & Ride studies

### Leading to a Delivery Plan



### Actions in the Meantime - Achievements

- New bus stations at Peterhead and Aberdeen
- New rail freight facilities at Craiginches and Raiths
- Rail Gauge Enhancement - Elgin to Mossend
- Market Street, Wellington Road and College Street road upgrades
- Quality Bus Corridors - Increase in bus passenger numbers
- Demand Responsive Transport support
- Sites identified for Park and Ride at Bucksburn & Schoolhill (Portlethen)
- Haudagain Study delivered to Minister - Commitment from Minister to fix before reverting to Council
- Improvements at Aberdeen Harbour
- City centre parking signage enhancement
- Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route PLI started
- Balmedie to Tippetty Orders published



### Coming Year

- Improved train service to/from Inverurie (December 2008)
- Laurencekirk Station (Complete Spring 2009)
- Firm engineering proposals for Kintore Station
- Aberdeen Rail Station upgrading
- Shuttle bus between Dyce rail station and Airport
- Improved public transport priority access to airport
- Improved Dyce Drive access to A96 for all traffic
- City Centre variable message signing
- Core paths and cycle routes
- Structural repairs to Bervie Bridge
- Improvements at Peterhead Harbour
- AWPR PLI report to Ministers



### Within Next 6-7 Years

- Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route
- Balmedie to Tipperty dualling
- Haudagain improvements
- Park and Ride at Bucksburn (A96)
- Park and Ride at Schoolhill, Portlethen (A90)
- Park and Ride at Banchory (A93) and Goval (A947)
- Improved bus reliability
- Pedestrianisation of Union Street
- Improved Aberdeen to Inverness train service
- Kintore Station
- Improved train times to Glasgow and Edinburgh
- Better/safer cycling/walking
- Improved access to Airport
- Airport upgrades and runway extension



### Nestrans' Rail Action Plan

Delivering essential elements of CrossRail incrementally

**Priorities :**

- more cross-city trains
- new stations: Laurencekirk, Kintore
- Better stopping patterns Inverurie, Stonehaven, Portlethen
- Car parking at stations
- Faster journeys to Edinburgh, Glasgow and Inverness



## December 2008 Timetable Recast

Enhancements to Fife Circle means fewer stops in Fife for Aberdeen-Edinburgh trains

**Benefits:** Faster journey times

Addressing overcrowding issues

Enabling stops at Laurencekirk

Enabling through running to Inverurie

Increase in Inverurie-Aberdeen from 2 to 5 arriving before 10:00am

More regular even-spaced services

