

<b>Sub Strategy 1: The external connections strategy</b>						® = MTS project
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<b>EC1 - Rail Links and Services</b>						
<b>EC1a:</b> Reducing journey times to Edinburgh and Glasgow, and further south.	East Coast Main Line Authorities	Manifesto launched 15 July 2014.	£10K - Revenue in 15/16	Budget approved for Nestrans contribution to ECML Regional Forum. Proposal to reduce budget in separate budget matters report.		
<b>EC2 - Strategic Roads</b>						
<b>EC2a:</b> Overcoming constraints on the network that have a direct impact on travel to/from the north east, such as the A90 through or around Dundee and dualling the A96 to Inverness.	Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route - Balmedie to Tipperty (AWPR-BT) ®	<b>Aberdeen Roads Limited has made considerable progress in the past month with earthworks having commenced at various points along the route, in addition to temporary fencing, site clearance and the construction of temporary site accesses. Every effort is being made to minimise disruption to road users and local communities during construction. Information flyers are being prepared and issued in advance of any major works or activity. Further information can be found at the project website: <a href="http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/aberdeen-western-peripheral-route/traffic-management">http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/aberdeen-western-peripheral-route/traffic-management</a> Briefings to Elected Members and Community Councillors are also being undertaken as a part of systematic efforts to raise awareness and keep stakeholders informed of progress.</b>		<b>Contracting Authority to continue to deliver packages of work to achieve the programme timescales.</b>	Completion Winter 2017	↑

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	A90 Access from the South study ®	Study to identify improvements and P&R site - final report published on Nestrans website spring 08. Individual capital projects are detailed separately elsewhere within this progress update. Bridge of Dee Study being undertaken in line with STAG/DMRB and full details can be viewed on ACC's website.	£210K Revenue in 14/15 Invoiced = <b>£192.7K</b> <b>£130K Revenue in 15/16</b>	STAG part 2 commissioned. Landowner and statutory consultations ongoing. <b>Environmental and Engineering Assessment ongoing. Baseline pedestrian/cycle surveys undertaken. Proposal to reduce budget in separate report.</b>		↑
	Laurencekirk Flyover	CH2M Hill appointed by Nestrans to undertake STAG/DMRB study in partnership with Transport Scotland (who contributed £100K) and Aberdeenshire Council. Angus Council and Tactran have joined client group. Project specific objectives agreed. Traffic surveys undertaken in March and May 2014.	£168.5K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = <b>£147.5K</b>	<b>Draft Stag report completed and subject of separate report.</b>		↑
	A96 Dualling	The Scottish Gov's Infrastructure and Investment Plan set out the aim to dual the A96 (T) between Aberdeen and Inverness by 2030. Traffic surveys and economic appraisal undertaken. Project included within NPF3: Proposed Framework.		<b>Public exhibitions held 11 - 21 May showing outcome of preliminary engineering and strategic environmental assessment work for A96 dualling. Material can be viewed on Transport Scotland website and responses due by 22 June.</b>		↑

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<b>EC4 - Connections by Sea</b>						
<b>EC4b:</b> Improved access and facilities at ports and interchange with passenger ferries.	Aberdeen Harbour	AHB received £600K Eu funding to support on-going studies for Nigg Bay expansion. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and modelling of wave climate in proposed port due for completion in 2015. <b>Nigg Bay Development Framework is being prepared jointly by Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeen Harbour and Scottish Enterprise for adoption as Supplementary Guidance for the Local Development Plan. It considers the opportunities presented by investment in new harbour facilities at Nigg Bay in terms of economic development , regeneration and environmental improvements for the Nigg, East Tullos and Altens area. Exhibition material can be viewed on ACC and AHB websites and includes consideration of essential infrastructure, and identified opportunities for strategic improvements to the road and rail networks.</b>		<b>Individual Masterplans will be prepared for each of the sub areas (Nigg Bay, Altens and East Tullos) following adoption of the Development Framework as Supplementary Guidance</b>		↑
<b>EC5 - Connections by Air</b>						
<b>EC5a:</b> Support expansion of direct destinations from Aberdeen and frequency of popular services.	New / improved routes	<b>Flybe began operating its 2015 Summer Schedule in April from its newly re-opened base at Aberdeen that offers a choice of up to 75 flights a week on five key routes, the daily service to Belfast City; the 3 times a day service to London City; multi-daily flights to Birmingham and Manchester hubs from where there are multiple seamless onward connections both regionally with Flybe but also as far afield as Dubai and Helsinki through its codeshare partners; and the return of summer seasonal flights to Jersey.</b>		<b>Thomson and First Choice announced a new route to Las Palmas, Gran Canaria in summer 2016 that is on sale from end April 2015.</b>		↑