

Sub Strategy 1: The external connections strategy						® = MTS project
Strategy Strand RTS actions	Current Actions/ Progress			Future Actions/ Progress		Status
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EC1 - Rail Links and Services						
EC1b: Improved train capacity, comfort and reliability.	Rail Timetable Enhancements	New timetables will be introduced from 13 December 2015.		The new local timetables for stations in the north east will be updated on the get-about website.		↑
EC2 - Strategic Roads						
EC2a: 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 Tippierty (AWPR-BT) ®	Works are now progressing along the full length of the site with Aberdeen Roads Limited concentrating their efforts on utility diversions and earthworks. This requires detailed traffic management with flyers published in respect of planned works affecting the A93, A944 and A96 road corridors. A new temporary bridge has been recently been installed above the A96. The bridge will facilitate construction plant movements. With reference to the bulk earthworks operations, rock extraction through the use of blasting has commenced at numerous sections along the full length of the route. Rock reprocessing locations along the length of the route are now in operation and concrete batching plants are being installed at specific locations. The SSE Transmission diversionary works are now complete.		Contracting Authority to continue to deliver packages of work to achieve the programme timescales. Further information can be found at the project website: http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/aberdeen-western-peripheral-route/traffic-management	Completion Winter 2017	↑

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EC2a (contd)	Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route - Balmedie to Tipperty (AWPR-BT) ® (contd)	Structural works are now underway and visible at a significant number of new bridge/culvert locations, along the full length of the route. The bridge beams for the Tipperty Road Junction Underbridge have now been installed. Every effort is being made to minimise disruption to road users and local communities during construction. The Contact and Education Space, located at the main site office (Stonehaven) is open to the general public. Briefings to Elected Members and Community Councillors are planned for early in the New Year along with planned public exhibitions as a part of systematic efforts to raise awareness and keep stakeholders informed of progress.				
	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.		Bids have been invited for A96 dualling design contract for about 29 miles of the route between east of Auldearn to east of Fochabers.	The contract worth between £40M-£50M is expected to be awarded early 2016.	↑
EC4 - Connections by Sea						
EC4b: Improved access and facilities at ports and interchange with passenger ferries.	Civitas - Portis	Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeenshire Council, Nestrans, RGU, University of Aberdeen and Aberdeen Harbour Board have made a bid in partnership with 4 other ports to the Civitas programme. The north east proposals are based on mode shift in support of the City Centre Masterplan proposals and freight measures for the Nigg Bay harbour proposals.		The bid has progressed through the preliminary round and is now in the second stage of the bid process. The bid is for £4M Euros over 2016-2020 for each port (ie 1M Eu/annum for each port)	Announcement on outcome of bid is expected in Dec 2015	↑

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EC4b (contd)	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. 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.		As part of a consenting strategy, AHB has submitted applications for consent in support of their potential expansion plans into Nigg Bay. The applications seek to gain statutory approvals for the project as part of 3 consenting regimes: from Transport Scotland, in the form of a Harbour Revision Order, from Marine Scotland, as Marine Licenses, and from Aberdeen City Council as Planning Permission in Principle. All of the regulatory bodies involved are now involved in public consultation on these various applications. Full updates can be viewed on the Harbour Board's website in the Nigg Bay Development pages.		↑

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EC4b (contd)	Peterhead Harbour	Plans have been unveiled for a £49M investment into Peterhead Harbour and include constructing a much larger fishmarket and provision of covered landing areas, stores, ice, boxes, water, fuel and all manner of repair services. The development will also cater for handling fish brought ashore as a result of the forthcoming discards ban. The inner harbours will be deepened to 6.5m. Preliminary work over last 2 years has included feasibility analysis, site investigation, wave modelling, financial appraisal, preparing an environmental statement and design work. The necessary consents, including a Harbour Revision Order, Marine Licence and Listed Building Consent have all been obtained.		Progress is dependent on securing assistance from the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund which is expected to open for applications in early 2016. A contract award would follow shortly afterward if the grant application is successful and the actual construction phase of the project will take an estimated 18 months.		↑
EC5 - Connections by Air						
EC5a: Support expansion of direct destinations from Aberdeen and frequency of popular services.	New / improved routes	Flybe has announced its 2016 summer schedule which includes extra flights to Belfast City, Birmingham and Manchester with a total additional choice of up to 13 extra flights a week to these destinations and a new service to Cornwall Newquay Airport. There are also two flights a day to London City, with early morning and late afternoon flight timings and the Jersey route returns for peak summer with weekly Saturday flights				↑