

Sub Strategy 2: The internal connections strategy ® = MTS project						
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IC1 - Rail						
IC1a: Seek to secure an increased frequency of services between Inverurie-Aberdeen-Stonehaven and improved services to Inverness.	Inverurie town interchange ®	Network Rail has initiated railway industry clearance procedures with a view to making land available for the Inverurie Transport Interchange. On successful completion of this process, work can commence on the removal the railway sidings and a phased delivery of the new Interchange. Outstanding ITF funding advanced by Transport Scotland and passed to Aberdeenshire Council. Scottish Gov has extended grant period for this funding to be retained to 31 Mar 2014.	£500K grant available up to 31 March 2016	AC has commissioned AECOM to progress a preliminary outline design, undertake consultation, and prepare costings for the scheme. Meeting held with Inverurie Business Association. Outline design and cost being finalised. A funding application bid to the Stations Investment Fund will then be prepared.		↑
IC1b: Proposed new station at Kintore and further development of the rail system to be set out in the Rail Action Plan, including improvements to the accessibility of existing stations	Kintore Station ®	Considered within GRIP2 report on options for Aberdeen - Inverness line improvements. See IC1a. Contribution agreed in 2013/14 towards land purchase costs for access road and railway station car park.		Aberdeenshire Council has agreed to pass a resolution to make a Compulsory Purchase Order to acquire the land adjacent to the railway at Northern Road, Kintore for the provision of a new Kintore railway station.		↑
	Dyce Station	Contract issued to construct overbridge and lifts to upgrade station to DDA compliant status. Works complete.	£25K Revenue in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £9.2K	Aecom appointed to investigate additional parking at station. Draft study submitted and being reviewed.		↑

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IC1c: Investigate, in line with the principles of STAG, the potential for further stations in the context of line upgrades to the	North east rail forum	Rail forum established and inaugural meeting held on 2 July at Douglas Hotel. Note of meeting and copies of presentations given by First Scotrail and Network Rail are published on the Nestrans website.		Abellio Seminar took place in Aberdeen on 23 Feb. Powerpoint presentation and note of discussion can be viewed within the rail forum part of the documents section on the Nestrans website.		↑
IC1d: Investigate, in line with the principles of STAG, the feasibility, costs and benefits of new railway lines to expand rail provision in the north east.	Fraserburgh - Peterhead to Aberdeen strategic transport corridor study	Budget approved to undertake multi-modal study for the Aberdeen to Buchan corridor to consider the feasibility, costs and benefits of options, including new rail lines.	£50K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £48.3K	Study awarded to SIAS in partnership with Peter Brett Assoc and Natural Capital. Engagement with wider stakeholder group to build evidence and investigate a business case is underway. Stakeholder workshops to be held on 30 March at Woodhill House and 31 March at Boddam.		↑
IC2 - Road Improvements						
IC2b: Strategic Roads Safety improvements – alignment and junction improvements on A90 south including at Laurencekirk. Overtaking, junction and	A947 Route Action	Phase 2 of bend improvement strategy and localised surfacing, drainage and lining. Further budget approved for 2014/15 to provide laybys for slow moving vehicles. Klaruw (skid resistance surfacing) undertaken at Andrewsford north and south. Variable Speed Message Sign installed at Whiterashes.	£100K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £39.5K	Aecom developing a long term improvement strategy for the route. Sites identified for installation of bollards purchased in 13/14. Road safety audits completed for existing and proposed tractor lay-bys and being reported to Area Cttee. Agreed a delayed draw down until 15/16 for a proportion of the budget.		↑

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alignment improvements on A90 north and A96. Route Action on A92, A93, A944, A947	Variable Message Signs	Installation of variable message signs to expand the area of coverage. The signs can be used to display road safety and road closure messages, along with journey time information in the future. Three sites identified for installation are confirmed as being Dyce Drive (south of Dyce Avenue heading towards Aberdeen Airport), A944 Skene Road (east of the B9119 at Arnhall citybound) and A956 Wellington Road (north of the old Wellington Road junction citybound).	£155K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £3K	Contract awarded in Feb. Cost returns are under budget and remainder to be used for Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS) to improve safety by limiting the potential for signal interruption during power supply issues. UPS proposed at King St/W North St and Union St/Bon Accord St. Civil works to install signs underway.		↑
IC2d: Prioritised maintenance for strategic routes, with particular benefits for public transport and sustainable modes.	A920	Phase 2 of edge repairs/haunching and asphalt overlay between Colpy and Potts Rayne. Contribution to scheme costing £195K.	£120K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £13.7K	Works being carried out by Abdnshire Council. Works commenced week beg 26 Jan. Additional contribution proposed in separate budget report due to ground conditions resulting in a need for deeper excavation.		↑
	Great Southern Road	Whinhill Road to Murray Terrace Southbound Resurface Carriageway	£23.5K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced in full	Works complete and Nestrans contribution invoiced		↑
	Malcolm Road	Speed limit sign to No 98 Resurface Carriageway	£90K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced in full	Works complete and invoiced in full.		↑
	Victoria Road	South Esplanade to Menzies Road. Resurface carriageway	£55K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced in full	Works complete and invoiced in full.		↑

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IC2e: Support Local Authorities in bringing forward LTS projects that contribute to	Westhill Masterplan	Contribution to update of Paramics micro simulation model of the Westhill area	£25K Revenue in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £18.8K	Information provided from strategic ASAM model to inform future year scenarios. Paramics microsimulation modelling nearing completion.		↑
IC2f: Strategic road improvements to mitigate the cumulative impact of development	Develop and implement mitigation measures	River Dee link. Stag Part 2 commissioned .	£210K Revenue in 2014/15 Invoiced to date = £166.4K	Environmental Assessment on-going. Information received from most public utilities. Highways design development underway. Non motorised user base survey to be undertaken.		↑
IC3 - Bus Improvements						
IC3a: Quality bus corridor improvements to services and facilities.	Peterhead Transport Interchange improvements	Improvements to the internal layout of the building to allow Stagecoach to house operational staff here so the station becomes an interchange hub where measures can be taken to control the buses on the network.	£34K Capital in 2014/15 Invoiced to date = £24.7K	Improvements also to be made to external waiting facilities to organise bus stances and install a further 28" screen to improve efficiency and signage.		↑
IC3b: Review and continue to deliver the Bus Action Plan to improve quality and reliability of services and set	Locking in the AWPR benefits	Consultants engaged to consider options for Wellington Rd corridor to 'lock in the benefits' of the AWPR, while taking account of current and future planned developments that could effect the corridor. The methodology will be similar to that of a STAG Pre-Appraisal process. Meetings have taken place to ascertain the current situation and understand future proposals.	£25.5K Revenue in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £25.7K	Draft report received. Publication of final report deferred. Further funding agreed to develop certain options in 2015/16.		↑

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out proposals for extending bus priority measures.		Feasibility study to investigate and design improvements that can be made city wide to 'lock in' the benefits for bus routes and active travel due to traffic reductions predicted as a result of AWPR.	£30K Revenue in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £17.8K	Consultants appointed to review current roads hierarchy and consider desired operation once AWPR is in place. Awaiting outcomes of City Centre Masterplan for Aberdeen before further work undertaken.		↑
	A944 corridor modelling	Modelling of options to improve bus journey time reliability on the A944 corridor.	£60K Capital in 14/15	Agreed to delay draw down of funding for this work until 2015/16		↔
IC3c: Explore the options for rapid transit in the longer term through the Bus Action Plan.	Aberdeen Cross City Transport Connections	Feasibility study to investigate ways to maximise connectivity between new developments in the Aberdeen Local Development Plan. ACC to provide joint funding using Bus Lane Enforcement revenue.	£20K Capital in 14/15	Project brief developed and has been issued to tender by ACC via the Scotland Excel framework. Agreed to delay draw down of funding for this work until 2015/16.		
IC3d: Expand Park and Ride provision linked to the development of the AWPR and explore the potential for mini-hubs that can be served by existing bus provision	A90 Schoolhill P&R ®	Additional design works done to include 25 space lorry park. Planning application submitted and to be considered by Committee. One representation received. Further funding approved in 2013/14 for ground investigation and development of design. Design works undertaken for alternative site. Aberdeenshire Estates in negotiations with regards to land. Land owner now willing to sell the original piece of land identified for the site. Planning application for alternative site submitted in Jan 2014	£15K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £3.5K	Kincardine & Mearns Cttee on 18 Nov 2014 approved planning permission in principle for formation of Park & Ride with approx. 1000 car parking spaces, cycle parking and lorry parking), associated vehicular access, 50 seat waiting facility building and associated infrastructure to include lighting, drainage and landscaping. Full budget not required and virement proposed in separate budget report.		↑

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	A944 Kingswells P&R	Grant of £112,500 awarded through S Gov Bus Investment Fund for the project out of an overall cost of £150,000 for access through the site for buses from the A944.	£37.5K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £3.1K	Planning permission has been granted. Agreed to delay draw down of remaining funding until 15/16		↑
	Ellon P&R	Phase 1, which includes extension to existing car park, resiting of recycle centre and new directional signs completed. Ongoing problems with land ownership and acquisition has been referred to Transport Scotland. Funding approved for phase 2 - additional external waiting facilities and upgrade to turning circle to accommodate 15m vehicles.	£7.5K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £7.7K	Compulsory land purchase being progressed. Awaiting outcome of CPO before any further works are instructed.		↔
IC3e: Improve information provision including expanded real-time information systems across Aberdeen City and Shire.	Aberdeen City and Shire Bus Stop Information Initiatives	In accordance with Council's Bus Information Strategy documents - replace and/or provide bus timetable display cases at bus stops within Aberdeen City and Shire to ensure minimum standards and content can be provided, is DDA compliant and allows for future standardised region wide improvements to timetabling information. Further funding approved for 2013/14 to continue initiative.	£30K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £22.9K	Ongoing publicity improvements to infrastructure throughout the region to replace timetable cases that have a capacity issue and update flags as required. Works to include the upgrade of journey kiosks at Woodhill House, Gordon House, Ellon P&R and Peterhead Transport Interchange to freestanding totems. Contract awarded to Simulation Systems Ltd.		↑
IC6 - Walking and Cycling						
IC6b: Urban realm improvements to improve the pedestrian environment,	Aberdeen City Centre Masterplan	Draft Masterplan published for consultation from 14 to 29 March.		Full details of draft masterplan and the public engagement dates and venues and feedback forms can be viewed on ACC's website.		

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IC6d: Continued development of a connected network of strategic cycle routes on key routes within Aberdeenshire, across the boundary into Aberdeen and on routes through the City to work towards the CAPS vision for cycling and lock in the benefits of other infrastructure improvements, including the AWPR.	Core Path Signage	Continuing the promotion of the core path network through the provision of directional fingerposts and way making signage	£5K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £2.2K	Twelve wooden fingerpost signs being installed on Deeside Way week beginning 23 March 2015		↑
	Peterhead Cycle Demonstration Town	Meethill Road - contribution to phase 2 to continue the link south onto the existing share use network on the A950 that provides access to the main industrial and business parks to the south of Peterhead and beyond to Boddam.	£75K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £1.9K	Problems encountered during detailed design and further design work required. Agreed to delay draw down of £65K until 15/16		↑
		A950 Missing Link contribution to create a shared use cycle/ footway to connect the residential area being developed at Coplandhill and the A90 corridor to the town centre and shared use path along Meethill Road.	£105K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £89.7K	Works being undertaken by Aberdeenshire Council although weather delayed completion. Virement agreed to meet increased cost due to drainage issues and upgrade with lighting on additional section.		↑
	Greenbrae Cycle Project	Publicity and promotional events	£5K Revenue in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £1.7K	Nestrans/Sustrans scheme sign installed on Cairn on paths jointly funded. Cycle ramps installed at Cyprus Grove in mid Nov. Road Safety Leaflet being redrafted to include stakeholder comments and is unlikely to be produced this financial year.		↑

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IC6d (contd)	Ellon Road - Strategic Cycle Links Feasibility	Identification of measures required to complete a continuous route from Bridge of Don to B999/A90 roundabout. Following completion of a feasibility study, the detailed design works report and drawings now also completed. Budget approved to extend feasibility study north from Murcar roundabout to city boundary. Should budget permit the section from Bridge of Don southwards on King St towards the City Centre will also be investigated.	£25K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £15.2K	Design drawing with Transport Scotland for comment. Redetermination order for footway is progressing and comments received from TS. Discussions underway with ACC Roads Officers re timescales for Parkway and Murcar Roundabout developer improvements		↑
	Ellon Road - Strategic Cycle Links Implementation	Implementation of the section of cycle path on Ellon Road northwards from Bridge of Don to the Parkway as identified through the feasibility study funded in 2013/14. ACC awarded further £110K by Sustrans through the Community Links Fund 14/15.	£110K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £18.9K	CHAP Group awarded tender and sub-contracting to D&E Mackay. Works started 9 March. Sustrans meeting increased costs.		↑
	Parkway - Strategic Cycle Links	Design of ped / cycle route along Parkway to AECC. Initial feasibility report completed. Detailed design report on north path option expected by 24th March 2014. ACC awarded £12.5K match funding by Sustrans through the Community Links fund 14/15	£5.25K Capital in 14/15	Design work to be carried out by ACC Structures team.		↑
	Ellon Cycle Infrastructure	Upgrade and construct new paths to help connect to new academy, including design and construction of shared ped/cycle path to link to existing path on north bank and create a shared use link between the town centre, new academy and community facilities. AC awarded further £90K by Sustrans through the Community Links Fund 14/15.	£40.5K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £8.3K	Planning Application submitted. Aecom undertaking design and preparation of tender documents. Northern Ecological Services undertaking an Ecological Survey. Delays with design mean construction now to take place in 2015/16. Delayed draw down and further funding in 15/16 agreed.		↔

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IC6d (contd)	Formartine and Buchan Way	Asset management of bridges (50% contribution to works being funded by AC). Bridges to be inspected and assessed along the F&B Way.	£150K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £41.2K	Capita appointed to undertake assessments and inspections. Ph 1 concentrated on 26 vehicular, bigger bridges (in excess of 10m) and those over water. Ph2 commissioned to look at 78 remaining bridges. Contracts awarded to Grontmij and Amey OW Ltd and works underway. Outcomes of the assessment will provide list of remedial works and further funding agreed for 2015/16.		↑
		Install hard surfacing from Dyce Railway Station to Parkhill Bridge. Contribution received from AC to extend works northwards. ACC awarded further £92K by Sustrans through the Community Links Fund 14/15. Design works for the hard surfacing and drainage completed.	£125K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £27.8K	ACC CSD appointed and works started 13 Jan 2015. Work is around 75% complete on path and first section of lighting has been installed.		↑
	A90 Muchalls - Stonehaven	Design of new section of cycle path along A90	£15K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £14.2K	Unlikely that phase 2 of this project will take place in 14/15 and virement agreed in February.		↔
	Inverurie - Oldmeldrum (Meldrum Meg way)	Creation of a shared use cycle/footway linking from Inverurie Railway Station to the Oldmeldrum Ring Road.	£25K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £1.7K	Unlikely that construction of scheme will take place in 14/15 and virement agreed in February. Granite City Surveys appointed to carry out Topographical surveys for Phases 1-3.		↔

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IC6d (contd)	Cycle Racks	Installation of cycle racks in various Aberdeenshire Towns. Sites being identified in Peterhead, Ellon, Inverurie, Fraserburgh, Huntly, Portlethen, Westhill, Stonehaven and Alford. Works to be commissioned via Scotland Excel framework.	£20K Capital in 14/15	Five further sites identified at Macduff Aquarium, Newmachar, Cruden Bay, Inverbervie and Aboyne. Tenders returned but racks will not be supplied and installed prior to year end.		↔
	Deeside Way	Complete hard surfacing of Deeside Way from Peterculter to City Boundary. ACC awarded further £92.523K by Sustrans through the Community Links Fund 14/15.	£33.25K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £23.6K	Works complete. Awaiting final invoice.		↑
	Riverside Drive Path	Cycle path improvements between King George VI bridge and Bridge of Dee to complete riverside cycle route from Victoria Bridge for commuter and recreational cyclists. ACC awarded further £190K by Sustrans through the Community Links Fund 14/15.	£150K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £2.4K	Contract awarded to ACG Contracts. Works completed on path and solar lighting being installed.		↑
IC7 - Airport Surface Connections						
IC7b: Work with partners to develop links to the airport including the upgrade of Dyce railway station and improved access for public transport	Airport Bus Turning Circle	Detailed design and construction of airport turning circle accessed from Foinavon Close. Traffic Regulation Order making turning circle for bus/cycle use only approved.	£394K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £74.9K	The land access agreement has been concluded. Construction began on site on 26th January 2015. The access road and turning circle have been constructed to finished road level and landscaping works are progressing. Opening of the railway boundary fence is required before the facility can become operational.		↑