

Sub Strategy 2: The internal connections strategy ® = MTS project						
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IC1 - Rail						
IC1b: Proposed new station at Kintore and further development of the rail system to be set out in the Rail Action Plan	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.	£300K Capital in 13/14	Ownership of a strip of land continues to be investigated which will delay the request to Committee for approval of land purchase and may have implications on the previously estimated costs.	GRIP3 - Single Option Selection report to be published by end 2013.	↔
	Passenger/ Car Park Surveys	Passenger overcrowding surveys undertaken on Fri 24, Mon 27 June, Thurs 27 Oct and Fri 28 Oct 2012 and results published on Nestrans website .	£5K Revenue in 13/14	Overcrowding surveys undertaken on 27 November and report on results being prepared. Letter sent to Minister regarding overcrowding and further details in rail matters report.		↑
	Dyce Station	Contract issued to construct overbridge and lifts to upgrade station to DDA compliant status. Works ongoing and to be complete by end March 2014		Scotrail considering improvements such as a new waiting area and ticket office.		↑
IC2 - Road Improvements						
IC2a: Strategic Roads Capacity improvements – tackling constraints at A90 Ellon - Peterhead, A96 west of Inverurie,	Aberdeen - Inverness Corridor Study - Inveramsay Bridge Improvement	Letter sent to Minister re timescale for bridge improvement and whether this will be done to single or dual carriageway status and how this fits with overall plans in S Gov's IIP to 2030 to dual the A96. Minister announced £5M in Feb 2012 for further design and statutory processes. Preferred 'road over rail river route' option selected. Ground investigation and environmental impact assessment complete.		On 31 October Transport Scotland published the made orders for the scheme. This confirms the final line the new road will take.	Scheme to be complete early 2016	↑

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Haudagain junction, Access to Aberdeen from the south, and at other junctions serving Aberdeenshire towns.	Market Street	Aberdeen City Council rejected proposals to introduce a permanent ban on the ahead movement from Trinity Quay to Guild Street at the junction with Market St.		Temporary ban on ahead movement remaining in place until Jan 2014.		↑
	Third Don Crossing	Public Inquiry into use of Compulsory Purchase Orders to secure land on either side of the river concluded and Ministers have approved the use of CPOs. ACC to progress this project outwith AWPR contract and has approved a profile of £15.36M over next 4 years in 5 year Capital Budget.		Design and contract documentation ongoing.	Opening autumn 2015	↑
IC2b: Strategic Roads Safety improvements – alignment and junction improvements on A90 south. Overtaking, junction and alignment improvements on A90 north and A96. Route Action on A92, A93, A944, A947	A947 Route Action	Phase 2 of bend improvement strategy.	£80K Capital in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £38.3K	Edge lining works to be carried out with double white lines considered as identified through bend assessment. Markon appointed and some works completed. Ten sites now identified for potential installation of lay-bys for slow moving vehicles and underspend to date to be used to progress their installation.		↑
		Contribution towards localised surfacing works, improved drainage and road markings.	£43K Capital in 13/14			↑
	Retexturing works	Retexturing sections of B999 (Murcar Roundabout to Potterton), B979 (Malcolm Rd to Westhill) and road from Kingswells roundabout to Kirk Brae Cults	£40K Capital in 13/14	Works completed late October. Awaiting invoices.		↑
	Route action on strategic links	Route action work including improved lining, signing and road stud replacement on strategic corridors. Additional virement suggested in separate budget matters report.	£28K Capital in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £12.8K	Works underway and to be completed in Jan 2014 weather permitting.		↑

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IC2d: Prioritised maintenance for strategic routes, with particular benefits for public transport and sustainable modes.	A947	Asphalt resurfacing on from Fyvie Station to U45s Junction Ph2. Contract awarded to Breedon Aggregates with start date of 5 Aug	£93K Capital in 13/14	Works complete. Revised measure of £91K received and final cost to be determined by end Dec.		↑
	A92	Edge repairs/haunching and asphalt overlay between Colpy and Potts Rayne.	£195K Capital in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £219K	Direct award to Aberdeenshire Council. Works complete but additional earthworks required and this will increase cost. Final invoice awaited for lining, but overall cost may be in region of £230K to £235K.		↑
	A952	Asphalt resurfacing North of Shannas Cottages to Wester Pettymarcus. Contract awarded to Leiths.	£90K Capital in 13/14	Works complete and final measurement of £94.9K received. Works to be invoiced.		↑
	A92	Overlay from south of dual carriageway to Nether Knowe.	£70K Capital in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £60K	Scheme complete and final measurement of £60K, which is less than tender and will result in reduced costs.		↑
	A944	Bitmac overlay on A944 Tillyfourie westwards. Tender awarded to Aberdeenshire Council. Works undertaken in August and were completed a week early with road re-opening on Fri 16 Aug.	£122K Capital in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £126K	Final measurement still awaited awaited, but costs increased due to a remedial problem that has required additional patching and may now be £131K.		↑

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IC2e: Support Local Authorities in bringing forward LTS projects that contribute to strategic objectives	Berryden Corridor	ACC approved funding for this project within their 5 year budget plan.		Phase 1 design ongoing.		↑
	Wellington Road	Identification of the footprint of land that would be required to complete the dualling of Wellington Road adjacent to Craiginches Prison so that it can be safeguarded should the site be redeveloped.	£12.85K Revenue in 13/14	Consultants to be appointed to identify requirements.		↑
	Development Plans	Supplementary guidance for the current Structure Plan relating to a Strategic Transport Fund agreed by SDPA and since ratified by Councils. STF payments to date given in budget matters report. Proposed Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan published 22 Feb and period for representations closed on 12 April.		SDPA has prepared responses to all issues raised in representations and submitted these with the plan to Scottish Ministers for examination. Methodology for Nestrans to manage the STF and processes for prioritisation and delivery continuing to be developed and further information in separate report.		↑
IC3 - Bus Improvements						
IC3a: Quality bus corridor improvements to services and facilities.	Fraserburgh Bus Station Refurbishment	Improvements to the footways and external shelters at the bus station. Installing kassel kerbs the full length of both sides of the road, resurfacing footways and installing 5 new shelters.	£56K Capital in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £56K	Formal re-opening by Provost Webster took place on 27 August. Good feedback being received on the journey totems that were installed. Nestrans contribution invoiced in full. Additional contribution proposed within budget matters report.		↑

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IC3a (contd)	Portlethen bus stop initiatives	Bus stops being upgraded with new shelters on either side of Muirend Road and journey kiosk installed at Asda side, with display screen in opposite new shelter. Lay-by not being progressed due to land difficulties.	£35K Capital in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £25.6K	Hunter Construction awarded contract for civil works but delays encountered as a result of an intervention over land. Aim to resolve this by end Dec with completion of works by Jan 2014.		↑
	Night Transport Zone	Contribution to install lit and signed bus stops on Union St for operators night time services. The stops have been marked with a bright orange night bus flag showing the numbers and destination of each bus service departing from that stop. They came into operation on 26 Oct to coincide with changes being made by First to its night bus service times.	£9.5K Capital in 12/13	Works completed and lit signs are operational. Aberdeen City become the first city in Scotland to achieve prestigious Purple Flag status, a national accreditation recognising city and town centres that excel in managing the night time experience.		↑
IC3b: Develop a Bus Action Plan to improve quality and reliability of services and set out proposals for extending bus priority measures.	Locking in the AWPR benefits	Feasibility study to investigate improvements that can be made to junctions on Anderson Dr to 'lock in' the benefits for radial bus routes of traffic reductions predicted as a result of AWPR. Further investigation completed and reported to Board in Dec 2012.	£30K Revenue in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £1.5K	Problems and objectives for the project have been drafted and are under discussion. Streams of work and resources to undertake it being identified.		↑
		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.	£50K Revenue in 13/14	Existing base level information to be collected to identify gaps and achievable improvements. Considering priority corridors at present.		↑

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IC3b (contd)	Bus Stop Clearways	Remarking of bus stop clearways in Kincardine & Mearns	£15K Revenue in 13/14	Direct award of works to Aberdeenshire Council and works complete. Awaiting final measurement.		↑
	Bus Lane Decriminalisation	Scottish Statutory Instruments required to decriminalise the enforcement of bus lane cameras to come into force on 6 February 2012. Funding approved to install new camera system and upgrade backroom office equipment for bus lane decriminalisation. Bus cameras operational and enforcement began 25 March 2013.	£200K Capital and £55K Revenue in 12/13 Invoiced in full	Charge notices now being sent to offenders from 22 April 2013 onwards. Aberdeen City Council has undertaken bus lane surveys to examine if there is a need to extend the hours of bus lane operation. Survey results analysed and being considered by LABOF.		↑
IC3d: Expand Park and Ride provision linked to the development of the AWPR.	A90 Schoolhill P&R ®	See Access from South EC2a. 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.	£50K Capital in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £2.8K	Negotiations ongoing with both parties and both options being investigated to determine best value and most feasible option. Aim to conclude land purchase by early 2014. Forecast spend reduced to £30K and propose that underspend be used as further contribution to Fraserburgh Bus Station.		↑
	A96 P&R sites ®	Planning application for 999 space site approved with conditions by ACC Planning Committee on 19 August. Land required for P&R site and link road from A96 to Dyce Dr/ Argyll Rd has been acquired by ACC. ACC has approved profile of £15.2M over next 4 years in 5 year Capital Budget.	£50K Capital in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £50K	Design and contract documentation ongoing.	Link Road to open early 2015 (with connection to A96 subject to AWPR prog) and P&R open autumn 2015	↑

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IC3d (contd)	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.	£65K in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £21.7K	Purchase of land nearing completion. Tender document to be issued in Jan with report to P&R Committee in Feb and construction starting in March.		↑
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.	£60K Capital in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £7.3K	Ongoing publicity improvements to infrastructure throughout the region. Works to include replacement of timetable cases that have a capacity issue and flag updates due to recent service changes. Replacement bus shelter on King Street to be installed wk beg 2 Dec. Works progressing to identify sites within Aberdeenshire and upgrading of flags.		↑
	Festive Travel Campaign	Updating publicity details from 2012 Festive Campaign for promotion in Nov-Dec 2013, including website, billboard and bus shelter advertising.		Leaflet printed and issued at ACC Winter Event on 16 Nov. Leaflet available from main Council offices and bus operators with on-line interactive version on getabout website		

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IC4 - Demand Responsive Transport						
IC4a: Support extension of 'Dial-a-Bus' and similar services to serve those unable to access	Replacement minibus	Funding for purchase of replacement minibus for operation of A2B dial-a-bus service covering Alford, Strathdon and Westhill. AC P& R Cttee approved entering into negotiations with Stagecoach for them to purchase the vehicle.	£74K Capital in 13/14	New buses to be received in December and aim to have these in use by end December following livery etc, following which Nestrans contribution to a bus will be invoiced.		↑
IC4b: Support community transport providers and	Supporting Community Transport	On 5 Nov the Minister for Transport announced a £1Million community minibus fund for 2013/14 to be administered by the Community Transport Association (CTA) and Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO).				
IC6 - Walking and Cycling						
IC6a: Support investment in measures to increase safety and security of	Union St pedestrianisation®	ACC upgrading City Centre model to reflect 2012 infrastructure and travel pattern conditions to ensure it remains a reliable tool for assessing schemes such as pedestrianised areas, bus priority, special event management etc.	£40K Revenue in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £29.7K	City centre model upgrade nearing completion. Model to be completed and options appraised by Jan 2014 with a report to ESP&I Committee in Feb 2014.		↑
IC6c: Continued development of cycle routes on key routes within Aberdeenshire, into Aberdeen and on routes through the City.	Core Paths	Further funding approved for 2013/14 towards core path works such as resurfacing, cut back vegetation, signing, leaflets etc	£67.5K Capital in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £19.5K	Coastal path completed and invoice received. Leaflets being designed in-house by ACC. Works ongoing on other schemes.		↑
	A96 Aberdeen - Blackburn path	Design work in relation to localised widening, consideration of crossings and review of existing facilities.	£8.5K Capital in 13/14	Remedial works identified and discussions on-going with officers regarding relocation of bus shelters, trees and foliage. It is unlikely options will be progressed in the short term due to bus shelter contract.		↔

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IC6c (contd)	Peterhead Cycle Demonstration Towns	Aberdeenshire Council has secured a £45K Sustrans contribution to the A90 missing link and £75K contribution to the Meethill Road school route and cross town improvements. 500m section of footpath adjacent to the A90 to be widened to 3m to allow shared use and complete missing link.	£120K Capital in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £16.9K	Works on the A90 missing link by Breedon Aggregates likely to be complete by 6 Dec (weather dependent). Official opening being arranged. Propose to use remaining funding on lighting works at Buchanhaven Links in Feb/Mar by Aberdeenshire Council. Design and feasibility study for coastal estuary path ongoing. Tender documentation for other schemes ie Meethill Rd Ph2, A950 missing link being designed for construction in future financial years.		↑
	Aberdeen City Cycle Demonstration	Further funding approved for 2013/14 to continue initiative and include the upgrade of existing pedestrian crossing to toucan crossing beside Asda on Jesmond Drive, TRO's for footways, signage, cycle parking and publicity for events. This will provide 2 shared use routes from Dubford Road to Middleton Park and Dubford Gardens to Cypress Grove.	£35.5K Capital in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £0.7K	Dropped kerbs, lining and resurfacing works started on site and nearing completion. Toucan crossings will be installed in January 2014 along with cycle parking. Greenbrae Active Travel Map will be printed Feb/March for a springtime launch.		↑
	Ellon Road - Strategic Cycle Links (LIB)	Identification of measures required to complete a continuous route from Bridge of Don to B999/A90 roundabout. Potential installation of small scale works.	£12.5K Capital in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £0.6K	Following completion of a feasibility study the detailed design works report and drawings now received and currently being reviewed by officers.		↑

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IC6c (contd)	Dyce Drive - Strategic Cycle Links	Design and potential installation of missing cycle / ped link from Dyce Avenue to Argyll Road along north side of Dyce Drive	£10K Capital in 13/14	Works to be carried out within A96 Park & Choose or through routine design works		↑
	Parkway - Strategic Cycle Links	Design of ped / cycle route along Parkway to AECC	£10K Capital in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £4.7K	Report completed and currently being reviewed. Further report requested on north path option and this report is being checked by officers.		↑
	Formartine and Buchan Way- Don Bridge Parkhill	Joint major masonry repairs by AC/ACC to former railway bridge to stop further structural decay on bridge and brickwork (AC funding further £30K from their Capital Budget).	£160K Capital in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £52.7K	Additional structural works to be carried out on third arch of bridge. Bridge to be closed for 2 weeks in early December 2013 with works expected to be completed late December 2013.		↑
	Whiteside Farm Bridge	Repairs to Whiteside Farm Bridge on the Formartine & Buchan Way	£7K Capital in 13/14	Works to be undertaken by AC Structures Dept and to include resurfacing of road deck to a waterproof surface. Full spend anticipated by end March 2014.		
	Anderson Drive Cycle Links (LIB)	Design and installation of small scale improvements on Anderson Dr	£30K Capital in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £6.3K	Transport Scotland consultation to be carried out in December 2013.		↑
	Beach area at School Drive / Cat and Dog Home	Design work in relation to recreational route linking School Drive / Golf Road towards Beach Esplanade	£5K Capital in 13/14	Works awarded and aim to complete in December 2013.		↑
	Westhill - Kingswells - Aberdeen cycle path	Identification of small scale improvements to existing route focussing on the Den of Maidenraig Section	£7K Capital in 13/14	Following investigation the drainage is deemed adequate and no works are recommended.		↑

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IC7 - Airport Surface Connections						
IC7b: Support a shuttle bus between Dyce station and the airport terminal.	Airport Bus Turning Circle	Detailed design and construction of airport turning circle accessed from Foinavon Close.	£426K Capital in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £8.7K	Traffic Regulation Order making turning circle for bus/cycle use only approved. Committee report for tender award out for consultation and being reported to January ACC ESPI Committee. Contract preparation on-going		↑
IC9 - Freight						
IC9b: Investigate potential for measures to provide more reliable journey times for HGVs and identify a trial route for implementation of priority measures.	Freight Action Plan	Finalised Freight Action Plan and Freight Forum meetings can be viewed on Nestrans website. HGV route maps for Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire areas on Nestrans, Grampian Police and Council websites.	£10K Revenue in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £2.9K	Draft freight action plan developed in association with GreCor and feedback on the consultation is given in a separate report.		↑
	A947 Oldmeldrum Rd / Dyce Dr	Increase radii at junction to improve turning manoeuvres for HGV's and ease congestion. A947 Re-Lining works completed.	£20K Capital in 13/14	Works completed and awaiting invoices.		↑
	Howemoss Dr/ Dyce Dr	Increase radii at junction to improve turning manoeuvres for HGV's , ease congestion and improve pedestrian safety as HGV's currently mount footway	£5K Capital in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £0.4K	Landowners have been identified and budget reduced as agreed by Board in Oct to retain funding to progress land acquisition only in 2013/14.		↑