

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. Unlikely this will be resolved this financial year and proposals in separate budget report for resultant underspend.	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 submitted. Letter sent to Minister regarding overcrowding and further details in rail matters report. Awaiting invoice.		↑	
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. Made Orders published 31 Oct.		Transport Scotland published public notice for main contract worth around £11M. Works expected to start by end 2014 and last about a year.	Scheme to be complete early 2016	↑	
	IC2b: Strategic Roads Safety improvements – alignment and junction improvements on A90 south. Overtaking, junction and	A947 Route Action	Phase 2 of bend improvement strategy.	£80K Capital in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £68.2K	Edge lining works completed. Extension to slow moving vehicle lay-bys at 3 sites identified and tenders issued and works to start mid Feb. Sites identified for verge marker posts and Admiral bollards and to be implemented by AC.		↑
		Contribution towards localised surfacing works, improved drainage and road markings.	£43K Capital in 13/14			↑	

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alignment improvements on A90 north and A96. Route Action on A92, A93, A944, A947	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 Invoiced to date = £42.4K	Works completed late October. Invoiced in full.		↑
	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 = £21.2K	Works underway completed. Awaiting final invoices.		↑
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 Invoiced to date = £92.7K	Works complete. Invoiced in full.		↑
	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. Invoiced in full.		↑
	A952	Asphalt resurfacing North of Shannas Cottages to Wester Pettymarcus. Contract awarded to Leiths.	£90K Capital in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £94.9K	Works complete and invoiced in full.		↑
	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 is £129,825. Costs increased due to a remedial problem that required additional patching.		↑
IC2d (contd)						
IC2e: Support Local Authorities in bringing forward LTS projects that	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	Aecom being appointed to identify requirements.		↑
IC3 - Bus Improvements						

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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.	£76K 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.		↑
	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 = £29.1K	Hunter Construction awarded contract for civil works but delays encountered as a result of an intervention over land. Aim to resolve this and complete works by end March 2014.		↑
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 '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 = £1.9K	Problems and objectives for the project have been drafted and are under discussion. A956 Wellington Road identified as priority for investigation and Aecom being commissioned.		↑
		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	Audit of existing signage on strategic corridors to be collected to inform consideration of roads hierarchy and signage once AWPR is in place.		↑
IC3b (contd)	Bus Stop Clearways	Remarking of bus stop clearways in Kincardine & Mearns	£15K Revenue in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £15K	Direct award of works to Aberdeenshire Council and works complete. Nestrans contribution invoiced.		↑

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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.	£30K Capital in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £3.4K	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 £20K and virement proposed in separate budget matters report. Planning application for alternative site submitted in Jan 2014.		↑
	A947 P&R site ®	Bid submitted to S Gov's Bus Investment Fund by Aberdeenshire Council in partnership with Nestrans, Stagecoach Bluebird and Bain's Coaches for mini-interchange hubs on the A947. Three potential sites suggested at Newmachar, Oldmeldrum and Fyvie.		Minister for Transport announced £4.2M of grants of which £500,000 is offered for the A947 mini-hub project out of an overall cost of £700,000		↑
	A944 Kingswells P&R	Bid submitted to S Gov's Bus Investment Fund by Aberdeen City Council in partnership with Nestrans and Stagecoach Bluebird for access through the site for buses from the A944.		Minister for Transport announced £4.2M of grants of which £112,500 is offered for the A944 P&R project out of an overall cost of £150,000		↑
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 = £29.9K	Confirmation awaited that transfer of land completed. Tender documents to be issued in Feb with a 5 week return period. No construction this financial year and virement proposed in separate budget matters report		↑

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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 = £20K	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. Works progressing to identify sites within Aberdeenshire and upgrading of flags. Works to include installation of a Totem at Union Square.		↑
	Festive Travel Campaign	Updating publicity details from 2012 Festive Campaign for promotion in Nov-Dec 2013, including website, billboard and bus shelter advertising.		On-line interactive travel information being edited to remove festive period references and will then continue to be available on getabout website		
IC4 - Demand Responsive Transport						
IC4a: Support extension of 'Dial-a-Bus' and similar services to serve	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 purchased and operational from Jan 2014. Awaiting invoice		↑
IC6 - Walking and Cycling						
IC6a: Support investment in measures to increase safety and security of walking and in	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 = £40K	City centre model upgrade nearing completion. Model to be completed and options appraised in February 2014 with a report going to ACC Committee in February 2014.		↑

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IC6c: Continued development of cycle routes on key routes within Aberdeenshire, into Aberdeen and on routes through the City.	A96 Aberdeen - Blackburn path	Design work in relation to localised widening, consideration of crossings and review of existing facilities complete. Transport Scotland made the order to create shared use for cyclists and pedestrians on footways along A96 Trunk Road (Inverurie Rd, Auchmill Rd, Gt Northern Rd) and it came into force from 16 Dec 2013.	£8.5K Capital in 13/14	Consideration being given to resurfacing and installation of bollards on shared ped/cycle route at locations where vehicles park on footway using remaining funding and any underspend elsewhere within approved walking/cycling budget.		↑
	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. 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.	£120K Capital in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £28.7K	Works ongoing on the A90 missing link due to drainage problems encountered. New filter drain being installed and surfacing due to be complete by end Feb. Official opening being arranged. Propose to use remaining funding on lighting works at Buchanhaven Links. AC to install new lighting from Buchanhaven Harbour westwards to Gold Rd starting 24 Feb and take 5 weeks.		↑
IC6c (contd)	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 = £0.9K	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.		↑

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IC6c (contd)	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 = £10.2K	Following completion of a feasibility study the detailed design works report and drawings now received and currently being reviewed by officers.		↑
	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 now being carried out and paid for through ACC CWSS funding		↑
	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 = £132.7K	Works completed in December 2013. Awaiting invoices		↑
	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 = £8.8K	Small scale works to be completed March 2014.		↑
	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	Awaiting tender returns from ACC grounds maintenance. Works to be completed March 2014.		↑
	IC7 - Airport Surface Connections					

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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 = £14.6K	Traffic Regulation Order making turning circle for bus/cycle use only approved. Committee report for tender award approved by ESP&I Committee in January 2014. Tender expected to be completed and issued in next few weeks with works commencing early March.		↑
IC9 - Freight						
IC9a: Support the development of modern intermodal freight terminals to provide future capacity for rail freight expansion.	GreCor	Contribution to Green Corridors in the North Sea (GreCor) European project, which will include consideration of the potential for an extended logistics hub and lead on from previous StratMos work on distribution centres. Aecom Consultants commissioned to project manage this for Aberdeenshire Council. Year 2 of 3 funding approved. GreCor Freight Action Plan has been developed and will update and refresh the current Nestrans Freight Action Plan.	£25K Revenue in 13/14	Ongoing support to Freight Forum being provided. Works also to include the ongoing compilation of freight flow data and liaison with Intereg project partners for best practice opportunities.		↑
IC9b: Investigate potential for measures to	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 Invoiced to date = £0.8K	Works completed. Awaiting final invoice.		↑