

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.	Aberdeen to Inverness Improvements	On 28 March 2014 First Minister announced £170 million scheme of works, to be completed over the next five years. This includes redoubling of the track between Aberdeen and Inverurie, platform extensions to accommodate six-car trains at Inch and Elgin and infrastructure to allow for new stations at Kintore and Dalcross.		Summary of the GRIP3 report published on Transport Scotland website - see Rail Matters report for further info.		↑
	Aberdeen - Inverness Timetabling Study	Feasibility study to investigate the opportunity to extend trains through to Montrose to improve local services. Letter written to Minister for Transport raising Board's concern at further delay in publication of the GRIP3 study and the impact this has on NE aspirations. Budget approved for 2014/15 to undertake study once GRIP3 report published.	£12K Revenue in 14/15	Due to the delay in publication of the GRIP3 single option selection report for Abdn-Inverness improvements and the forthcoming appointment of new franchisees for Scotrail and East Coast Mainline, this study will not be undertaken this financial year and a virement is proposed in separate budget report.	to be published by end 2013	↓
IC1b: Proposed new station at Kintore and further development of the rail system to be set out in the Rail Action Plan, including	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.		Ownership of a strip of land has not been identified. Compulsory Purchase Order being progressed. Consideration being given to development of a bid to the Stations Investment Fund for the creation of the station.		↔

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improvements to the accessibility of existing stations	Dyce Station	Contract issued to construct overbridge and lifts to upgrade station to DDA compliant status. Works complete.	£25K Revenue in 14/15	Funding allocated to investigate additional parking at station and study to be commissioned.		↑
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.	Energetica Corridor multi-modal 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	Consultancy brief tendered via Excel framework. Six returns received and to be assessed on quality/price basis. Further details in information bulletin.		↑
IC2 - Road Improvements						
IC2a: Strategic Roads Capacity improvements – tackling constraints at A90 Ellon - Peterhead, dualling of the A96 (as identified in the IIP), Haudagain junction, Access to Aberdeen from the south, and at other junctions serving Aberdeenshire towns.	Haudagain Study	Stag2 Report finalised June 08 and Board agreed option 5 as optimum solution and referred the report to ACC, who also agreed this. Transport Scotland awarded Jacobs £3M design contract to confirm the preferred design and undertake the design, surveys and statutory processes to allow this scheme to be constructed once the AWPR is in place. Assessment of recommended option given LDP allocations and new delivery date for AWPR complete. TS consultants has confirmed the original preferred option as best meeting objectives.		Design work ongoing and aim to publish draft orders in Summer 2015. Transport Scotland intend to award a £186K ground investigation contract to Soil Engineering Geoservices Ltd with work starting in Nov for a period of 6 weeks		↑
	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.		Contract awarded to Balfour Beatty and work has commenced on site.	Opening end 2015	↑

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IC2b: Strategic Roads Safety improvements – alignment and junction improvements on A90 south including at Laurencekirk. Overtaking, junction and alignment	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.	£100K Capital in 14/15	Consultants to be appointed to develop a long term improvement strategy for the route. This will include surveys and consideration of flows along the route and within local settlements on the corridor and consider improved overtaking facilities. Sites being identified for installation of bollards purchased in 13/14		↑

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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.	£100K Capital in 14/15	Sites identified are at Westhill Roundabout and Dyce Drive. Aim to do site assessments in Oct with procurement and award in Nov. A 12 week lead time is estimated for delivery of these types of signs. Third sign proposed at Wellington Road (A956) at the Charleston flyover. Discussions on going with Transport Scotland to make sure there is no conflict with AWPR ITS strategy and meeting to take place on 6 Oct. Another site has been identified if Wellington Road is not a suitable site. Funding required for third sign is proposed in separate budget report.		↑
IC2d: Prioritised maintenance for strategic routes, with particular benefits for public transport and sustainable modes.	Rob Roy Bridge	Strengthening works to be carried out on reinforced concrete arch. Contribution approved towards project that is estimated to cost £754K	£161.25K Capital in 14/15	Design complete. Land owner discussions continuing. Contract documents complete for issue on conclusion of land negotiations.		↑
	A98	Asphalt resurfacing on High Street, Banff	£120K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £98.6K	Construction complete and invoiced. Proposal for underspend in separate budget report.		↑

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	A947	Asphalt resurfacing on A947 at Mill of Kingoodie Bends. Contribution to scheme costing £150K	£100K Capital in 14/15	Contract awarded to Leiths. Works underway and aim to complete mid Oct.		↑
	A920	Phase 2 of edge repairs/haunching and asphalt overlay between Colpy and Potts Rayne. Contribution to scheme costing £195K.	£22K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £12.1K	Works being carried out by Abdnshire Council. Proposal for additional contribution in separate budget report.		↑
IC2e: Support Local Authorities in bringing forward LTS projects that contribute to strategic objectives	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.		Plans showing footprints of various options and levels from topographical survey submitted and forwarded to Aberdeen City Council Planning Department.		↑
	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. Aberdeen City and Shire Strategic Development Plan approved by Scottish Ministers on 28 March 2014.		Modifications made relating to STF within the Strategic Dev. Plan and S Gov to work with SDPA, Nestrans and others to develop a mechanism that can be approved as statutory supplementary guidance. Further traffic modelling scenario to help enable this being commissioned. Methodology for Nestrans to manage the STF and processes for prioritisation and delivery to continue to be developed.		↑

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IC2f: Strategic road improvements to mitigate the cumulative impact of development	Develop and implement mitigation measures	River Dee link. Stag Part 2 commissioned .	£160K Revenue in 2014/15 Invoiced to date = £42K	Landowner and statutory consultations on-going. Topographical survey works completed. Some initial ground investigation works are being undertaken and aim to be completed by November. Environmental Assessment is underway and expected to be completed by December.		↑
IC3 - Bus Improvements						
IC3b: Review and continue to deliver the Bus Action Plan to improve quality and reliability of services and set out proposals for extending bus priority measures.	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.	£20K Revenue in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £10K	Draft objectives prepared and long list of options generated and will be sifted against objectives. Aim to issue draft report in October. Additional funding proposed in separate budget matters report due to an increase in the scope of the works undertaken.		↑
		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.	£20K Revenue in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £1.9K	Consultants appointed to review current roads hierarchy and consider desired operation once AWPR is in place. Information being supplied from ASAM strategic model on future year predicted flows with AWPR in place. Additional funding proposed in separate budget report.		↑

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IC3c: Explore the options for rapid transit in the	Aberdeen Cross City Transport Connections	Feasibility study to investigate ways to maximise connectivity between new developments in the Aberdeen Local Development Plan	£20K Capital in 14/15	Background paper prepared. Discussions regarding the feasibility study on-going.		
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	£30K Capital in 14/15	Negotiations ongoing with both parties and both options being investigated to determine best value and most feasible option. Land may be sold without the need for a CPO and report to be made to Committee. Work to be undertaken to look at operational issues. Full budget unlikely to be required and virement suggested in budget report.		↑
	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. Design and contract documentation ongoing.		Aim to start construction of A96 Park & Choose and Dyce Drive Link Road in early 2015.	Link Road with connection to A96 subject to AWPR prog and P&R open autumn 2015	↑
	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 = £0.3K	Planning application submitted. Aim to issue tender for works in November.		↑

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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.	£30K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £4.8K	Compulsory land purchase being progressed. Unlikely to be further spend in 14/15 and virement proposed in separate budget report.		↑
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 = £22.2K	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.		↑
		Repair and maintenance of bus publicity in Aberdeen City and Shire	£10K Revenue in 14/15	Funding being used to address repair and maintenance issues as they arise across the area.		
IC5 - Transport interchange						
IC5a: Maximising interchange potential of the bus and rail station	ARI Interchange	Agreed that Nestrans meet 50% of costs with NHS. Bus port interchange improvements completed and opened 10 May and priority measures completed in July. Supportive feedback received from bus operators. Increased costs detailed in separate budget matters report.	Costs to be met from approved Bus Action Plan and NHS Grampian	Update to the ARI bus services leaflet has been completed and printed. Discussions underway with NHS Grampian regarding distribution.		↑

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IC6 - Walking and Cycling						
IC6a: Support investment in measures to increase safety and security of walking and in particular to facilitate interchange between different modes of transport.	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. Model upgrade completed. Analysis of accidents on Union Street completed.	£40K Revenue in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £5K	Strategic Aberdeen Sub Area Model (ASAM) being upgraded to reflect committed development in fish precinct area. Future year scenarios to be developed to test impact of revisions to roads hierarchy and identify any supporting infrastructure measures required. City Centre model to be made available to consultants undertaking City Centre Masterplan for ACC (see info bulletin). Additional funding proposed in separate budget report.		↑
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	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	Design work complete and quotes to be returned in October. Aim to install signage by Feb 2015.		↑
	Core Path Leaflets	Leaflet to provide the route of the Deeside Way, including details on the history and wildlife interests along the route	£4K Capital in 14/15	Design work complete and printing quotes requested. Aim to have leaflet ready by Nov.		
	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	Detailed design complete. Tender prepared and aim to issue in Oct and report returns to P&R in Nov.		

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the City to work towards the CAPS vision for cycling and lock in the benefits of other infrastructure improvements, including the AWPR.		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.	£45K Capital in 14/15	Detailed design complete. Works to be undertaken by Aberdeenshire Council and aim to start in Oct and take 8-10 weeks. Proprietary works required to deal with drainage issues.		
	Greenbrae Cycle Project	Publicity and promotional events	£5K Revenue in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £1.1K	Aim to issue 1200 newsletters in Sept. Road Safety Leaflet to be issued early Nov. Cycle roadshow at Greenbrae Primary School on 1 Oct. Nestrans/Sustrans scheme sign installed on Cairn on paths jointly funded. Installation of cycle ramps at Cyprus Grove to take place in coming months.		
	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	Design work complete and contract documents being prepared.		↑
	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 = £2.9K	Discussions taking place regarding the North Donside Road Toucan design. Aim to issue tender documents in Oct for return in Nov.		

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IC6d (contd)	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	£12.5K Capital in 14/15	Scope and Part 1 documents to be issued to consultants in Nov for fee estimate and design work to be carried out thereafter.		↑
	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.	£100K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £1.7K	Planning Application submitted and will be considered by Cttee in Oct. Aecom undertaking design and preparation of tender documents. Northern Ecological Services commissioned undertaking an Ecological Survey		↑
	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	. Capita to be appointed to undertake assessments and inspections. Ph 1 will concentrate on 26 vehicular, bigger bridges (in excess of 10m) and those over water.		↑
		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.	£80K Capital in 14/15	Design works for the hard surfacing and drainage completed. Cost estimate returned and increased contribution proposed in separate budget report to meet increased drainage costs and to include lighting between Dyce Station and Dyce Dr.		↑

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IC6d (contd)	A90 Muchalls - Stonehaven	Design of new section of cycle path along A90	£30K Capital in 14/15	AC awarded £30K by further Sustrans Community Links Fund allocations. Aecom commissioned to undertake detailed feasibility and design.		↑
	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.	£22.5K Capital in 14/15	Landowners have not agreed for the core path improvements on their land located near the City boundary to be carried out. ACC has re-evaluated the costs for the section of path under their jurisdiction and increased contribution proposed in separate budget report, with Sustrans agreeing to match fund this increase		↑
	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.	£190K Capital in 14/15	Tender issued and returns due 30 Sept. Aim to start works late Oct for a 6 week period. Additional contribution proposed in separate budget report, with Sustrans agreeing to match fund this increase		↑

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IC7 - Airport Surface Connections						
IC7b: Work with partners to develop links to the airport including the upgrade of Dyce	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 = £3.3K	Tender documents returned. Access rights being discussed with Aberdeen Airport . Once planning conditions are purified the works are expected to take 12 weeks.		↑
IC9 - Freight						
IC9b: Investigate potential for measures to provide more reliable journey times for HGVs and identify a trial route for implementation of	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	£40K Capital in 14/15	Discussions with one landowner on-going, but no response from another landowner to requests to date. Unlikely that construction will take place in 14/15 and budget reduction proposed in separate budget report.		↓