

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. A funding application bid will to the Stations Investment Fund is to be prepared. Further details in Rail Matters report.		↑
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.		Compulsory Purchase Order being progressed for access road and car park. Meeting with Network Rail on 15 Dec to discuss the anticipated form of the new station (both road and rail side) and the timescales. Further details in Rail Matters report.		↑
	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. Draft brief prepared and issued via Scotland Excel framework. Fee proposal to be returned and inception meeting arranged.		↑

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	Portlethen Station	New ticket vending machine installed and operational on north platform.		Additional stop in Portlethen in PM peak included in the new timetable from Dec 2014.		
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	Tenders assessed and study awarded to SIAS in partnership with Peter Brett Assoc and Natural Capital. Inception meeting to be held 11 Dec and stakeholder workshop in Jan 2015. 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	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. Ground investigation work started 12 Nov and to last for a period of 6 weeks.		↑

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junction, Access to Aberdeen from the south, and at other junctions serving Aberdeenshire towns.	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. Further advance works underway to provide companies bidding to construct the road with detailed ground condition information to inform their emerging designs.		Transport Scotland announced on 19 Nov that contract awarded to Balfour Beatty, subject to the satisfactory completion of a mandatory standstill period. Work is expected to get underway in the coming weeks. The new road alignment will be constructed to the east side of the railway, minimising disruption to the travelling public during the work.	Scheme to be complete early 2016	↑
	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. The first layer of concrete was laid on 17 Nov which will seal the existing ground and allow the main foundations for the new River Don Bridge to be progressed.	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 improvements on A90 north and A96. Route Action on A92, A93, A944, A947	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 Invoiced to date = £20.6K	Aecom appointed to review previous studies and develop a long term improvement strategy for the route. Sites being identified for installation of bollards purchased in 13/14. Road safety audits completed for existing and proposed tractor lay-bys and will be reported to Area Cttee in Dec. Klaruw (skid resistance surfacing) undertaken at Andrewsford north and south. Variable Speed Message Sign installed at		↑
	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	Site assessments completed and procurement documents issued. Aim to award contract in mid December. A 12 week lead time is estimated for delivery of these types of signs. Anticipate that works will commence early March and be complete by end March.		↑
IC2d: Prioritised maintenance for strategic routes, with particular	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 and contract documents complete. CPO to commence if access to work over land can not be agreed with landowner.		↔

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benefits for public transport and sustainable modes.	A98	Asphalt resurfacing on High Street, Banff	£100K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £98.6K	Construction complete and invoiced in full.		↑
	A947	Asphalt resurfacing on A947 at Mill of Kingoodie Bends. Contribution to scheme costing £150K	£100K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £91.6K	Contract awarded to Leiths. Works complete and final measurement confirmed.		↑
	A920	Phase 2 of edge repairs/haunching and asphalt overlay between Colpy and Potts Rayne. Contribution to scheme costing £195K.	£62K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £13.7K	Works being carried out by Abdnshire Council. Works underway.		↑
IC2e: Support Local Authorities in bringing forward	Westhill Masterplan	Contribution to update of Paramics micro simulation model of the Westhill area	£25K Revenue in 14/15	Information being provided from strategic ASAM model to inform future year scenarios.		↑
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 = £112.8K	Landowner and statutory consultations on-going. Initial ground investigation works completed. Environmental Assessment ongoing and expected to be completed by December. Proposal to increase budget in separate report		↑
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.	£22.5K Capital in 2014/15	Improvements also to be made to external waiting facilities to organise bus stances and install a further 28" screen to improve efficiency and signage.		↑

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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.	£25.5K Revenue in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £20.2K	Initial draft report received in October and comments returned. Final draft to be issued in January and aim to report to Board in Feb 2015.		↑
		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. Information provided from ASAM strategic model on future year predicted flows with AWPR in place.		↑
	A944 corridor modelling	Modelling of options to improve bus journey time reliability on the A944 corridor.	£60K Capital in 14/15	Meeting held with First and a meeting arranged with Stagecoach in early Dec to discuss development of SQP.		
IC3c: Explore the options for rapid transit in the longer term	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	Draft brief being developed and will be tendered via the Scotland Excel framework with a view to starting early 2015.		

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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 = £1.1K	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.		↑
	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.		Tender returns due early Dec 2014. 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 mid 2016	↑
	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 = £2.2K	Planning application submitted and formal decision expected by end 2014. Design and contract preparation to take place thereafter.		↑

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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.	£7.5K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £5.2K	Compulsory land purchase being progressed.		↑
	Banchory P&R & interchange ®	Marr Area Committee 11/12 approved proceeding with design of preferred site at Hill of Banchory adjacent to A93 and consulting with community forum groups then a wider public consultation. Atkins completed feasibility study and conceptual design in April 2009 and this is now available to take to community forum groups for comment.		Minister for Transport announced grants under the second round of the Bus Integrated Fund and AC awarded grant for mini interchange hubs on the A93.		↑
IC3e: Improve information provision including expanded real-time information systems across Aberdeen City	Aberdeen City and Shire Bus Stop Information	Repair and maintenance of bus publicity in Aberdeen City and Shire	£10K Revenue in 14/15	Monies to be used for solar shelter replacement. Works to be undertaken by Commutaports.		↑
	Festive Travel Campaign	Publicity details from previous Festive Campaigns updated for promotion in Nov-Dec 2014, including radio, billboard and bus back advertising.	Costs being met from approved Bus Action Plan and Travel Planning budgets	Festive on-line interactive travel information being prepared and due to be available on getabout website from 1 Dec.		

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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. ACC appointed BDP to explore regeneration opportunities for the City Centre. Two day public consultation took place 28-29 Nov in the Aberdeen Art Gallery and information also available on line and at Marischal College from 1-5 Dec. Comments can be submitted up until Friday 5 Dec.	£48K Revenue in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £13K	Strategic Aberdeen Sub Area Model (ASAM) upgraded to reflect committed development in fish precinct area and future year scenarios developed. City Centre model to be made available to consultants undertaking City Centre Masterplan for ACC (see info bulletin). Impact of any revisions to roads hierarchy to be tested and any supporting infrastructure measures identified once City Centre Masterplan proposals known.		↑
IC6d: Continued development of a connected network of strategic cycle routes on key routes within Aberdeenshire, across the	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 returned. Aim to install wooden fingerpost signs for Deeside Way 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. Design alterations underway and leaflets to be printed in early 2015		↑

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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.	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	Amendments being undertaken to detailed design. Tender prepared and to be issued on completion of design.		↑
		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	Works being undertaken by Aberdeenshire Council and are ongoing. Aim to complete works by end Dec.		↑
	Greenbrae Cycle Project	Publicity and promotional events	£5K Revenue in 13/14 Invoiced to date = £1.1K	Road Safety Leaflet being redrafted and aim to issue early Jan 15. Nestrans/Sustrans scheme sign installed on Cairn on paths jointly funded. Cycle ramps installed at Cyprus Grove in mid Nov		↑
	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	Contract documents completed and being reviewed. Statutory Regulation Order process ongoing.		↑
	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	Tender documents issued and returns due in December.		

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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	Issuing of Scope and Part 1 documents to consultants for fee estimate has been delayed, pending consideration of ACC undertaking work in-house. Design work to be carried out in early 2015		↑
	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 = £2.3K	Planning Application submitted. Aecom undertaking design and preparation of tender documents. Northern Ecological Services 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. Aim to complete ph1 by end Jan 2015. Ph2 will look at 78 remaining bridges.		↑
		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 = £5.4K	Increased budget approved to meet increased drainage costs and to include lighting between Dyce Station and Dyce Dr. ACC CSD appointed and works to commence in Jan 2015.		↑

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IC6d (contd)	A90 Muchalls - Stonehaven	Design of new section of cycle path along A90	£30K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £7.3K	AC awarded £30K by further Sustrans Community Links Fund allocations. Aecom commissioned to undertake detailed feasibility and design. Review of previous study underway and preferred route to be identified.		↑
	Inverurie - Oldmeldrum (Meldrum Meg way)	Creation of a shared use cycle/footway linking from Inverurie Railway Station to the Oldmeldrum Ring Road.	£50K Capital in 14/15	Consultants to be commissioned via a mini competition through the Scotland Excel framework to review the route and carry out detailed design		↑
	Inverallochy to Cairnbulg	Phase 2 delivery of cycle route (phase 1 previously funded by Aberdeenshire Council)	£50K Capital in 14/15	AC undertaking works. On site works underway with surfacing to be complete by end Dec.		↑
	Cycle Racks	Installation of cycle racks in various Aberdeenshire Towns.	£20K Capital in 14/15	Sites being identified in Peterhead, Ellon, Inverurie, Fraserburgh, Huntly, Portlethen, Westhill, Stonehaven and Alford.		

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	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	Landowners have not agreed for the core path improvements on their land located near the City boundary to be carried out. Section of path under ACC jurisdiction to be surfaced with Sustrans agreeing to match fund revised cost. Invitation to quote issued in Nov, with contract to be awarded in Dec and works start Jan 2015.		↑
	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.	£200K Capital in 14/15	Contract awarded to ACG Contracts. Works to start in early Jan 2015 and expected to last 6-8 weeks. Tender returns were less than available budget and virement proposed in separate report		↑
IC7 - Airport Surface Connections						
IC7b: Work with partners to develop links to the airport including the upgrade of Dyce railway station	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 = £6.8K	Access agreement completed and awaiting sign off. Enough planning conditions have been purified to allow works to start on site in December and be complete by the end of the financial year.		↑

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IC9 - Freight						
IC9b: Investigate potential for measures to provide more reliable journey times for HGVs and identify a trial route for	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 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 approved. Discussions ongoing.		↓