

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	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 Inverurie and Elgin and infrastructure to allow for new stations at Kintore and Dalcross.		Summary of the GRIP3 report published on Transport Scotland website. Officers from Nestrans and Aberdeenshire Council met with Network Rail. See Rail Matters report for further info.		↑	
IC1c: Investigate, in line with the principles of STAG, the potential for	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.		Nestrans assisting Abellio to arrange a Seminar, which will take place on 23 Feb. Further details in Rail Matters report.		↑	
IC1d: Investigate, in line with the principles of STAG, the feasibility, costs and benefits of new railway lines to expand rail	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 Invoiced to date = £20K	Tenders assessed and study awarded to SIAS in partnership with Peter Brett Assoc and Natural Capital. Inception meeting was held in Dec and stakeholder workshop in Jan 2015. Engagement with wider stakeholder group to commence		↑	

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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. Ground investigation work completed Dec 2014.		↑
	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. Made Orders published 31 Oct.		Balfour Beatty started work on 10 Dec 2014. 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 in 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. Utility diversion and excavation works are being carried out 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 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. 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 = £34.7K	Aecom reviewing previous studies and 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.		↑
	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 = £1.8K	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		↑
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 and contract documents complete. CPO has been started as access to work over land not agreed with landowner. Propose to vire this budget to other strategic maintenance 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 Invoiced to date = £101.2K	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 commenced week beg 26 Jan. Additional contribution proposed 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. ACC has included funding in 15/16 budget for land acquisition.		↑
	Westhill Masterplan	Contribution to update of Paramics micro simulation model of the Westhill area	£25K Revenue in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £17.9K	Information provided from strategic ASAM model to inform future year scenarios. Paramics microsimulation modelling underway. Test Scenarios agreed.		↑

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	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.		Consultation on revised guidance relating to the Strategic Transport Fund took place between 12 Dec - 6 Feb and further details in separate report to Board. Methodology for Nestrans to manage the STF and processes for prioritisation and delivery to continue to be developed.		↑
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 = £137.6K	Landowner and statutory consultations on-going. Initial ground investigation works completed. Environmental Assessment nearing completion. Technical development highways and bridges to commence.		↑
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. Further contribution proposed in separate budget report.		↑

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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	Draft report received and subject of separate report. Further funding proposed in separate budget report to develop options in 2015/16.		↑
		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	Unlikely this work will be started in 2014/15 and it is proposed to carry forward this work to 2015/16		↔
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	Project brief developed and to be tendered by ACC via the Scotland Excel framework.		

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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 = £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.		↑
	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. Formal decision not yet reached following intervention by Kingswells Community Council. Contract preparation unlikely to take place this financial year and c/f funding included in 15/16 budget proposals.		↔
	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 = £7.5K	Compulsory land purchase being progressed. Awaiting outcome of CPO before any further works are instructed.		↔

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IC3d (contd)	P&R operation	Festive promotion of Park & Ride complete.	Costs to be met from approved Bus Action Plan budget	Brief being developed to explore proposals to support and ensure the success of existing and new park and ride sites in the north east. Funding proposed for 15/16 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	Repair and maintenance of bus publicity in Aberdeen City and Shire	£10K Revenue in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £10K	Monies to be used for solar shelter replacement. Works undertaken by Commutaports. Works complete and invoiced in full.		↑
	Expanded Real Time Passenger Information	New RTPI live weblink (www.realtimebus.com) for First services in the City launched on 16 September 2010. £192K awarded to Aberdeenshire Council by S Gov through European Regional Development Fund to help introduce real time passenger information		Proposal for funding for region wide real time information screens in 15/16 in separate budget report		
IC5 - Transport interchange						
IC5c: Work with operators to develop integrated ticketing across services and operators in the north east.	Integrated Ticketing	The integrated ticketing strategy (including smartcard possibilities) as approved by Nestrans Board on 18 April was approved by both Councils and is available to download from Nestrans website.	Costs met from approved travel planning budget.	Launch of new multi operator ticket scheme - Grasshopper took place on 8 May 2014. Full details on prices and coverage on grasshopperpass.com website. Nestrans has contributed to additional advertising for Grasshopper service.		↑

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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 outputs discussed with consultants undertaking City Centre Masterplan for ACC . Impact of any revisions to roads hierarchy to be tested and any supporting infrastructure measures identified once City Centre Masterplan proposals known.		↑
IC6b: Urban realm improvements to improve the pedestrian environment, including pedestrianisation schemes in the City Centre.	Broad Street Pedestrianisation	ACC agreed that pedestrianisation of Broad St between Upperkirkgate and Queen St best met the objectives for this project and instructed that draft TROs be developed. 2023 future year traffic and air quality model testing to be reported to a future Council meeting and impact of reopening Castlegate and allowing left turn from Queen St to West North St to be investigated.		The Marischal Square development has been approved by ACC. Broad St Civic Square has been agreed to be considered within the City Centre Masterplan in order that a holistic programme of interventions can be identified for the City Centre		↑
IC6d: Continued development of a connected network of strategic cycle	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. Twelve wooden fingerpost signs being installed on Deeside Way in Feb/Mar.		↑

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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 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 alterations underway and leaflets to be printed in March.		↑
	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	Problems encountered during detailed design and further design work required. Only £10K likely to be spent this year to progress design and request to carry forward funding to be considered in separate budget report.		↑
	Peterhead Cycle	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 Invoiced to date = £36.6K	Works being undertaken by Aberdeenshire Council although weather delayed completion, which is now expected end Feb. Virement proposed in separate budget report to meet increased cost due to drainage issues and upgrade with lighting on additional section.		↑
	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 = £5.8K	Contract documents completed and being reviewed. Statutory Regulation Order process ongoing. Design drawing with Transport Scotland for comment.		↑

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IC6d (contd)	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. Works to start in Feb. 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	£12.5K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £1K	Design work to be carried out by ACC in-house and full budget unlikely to be required. Virement proposed for predicted underspend in separate budget report.		↑
	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 = £6.4K	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.		↔

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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 = £31.6K	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. Outcomes of the assessment will provide list of remedial works and further funding proposed 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 = £15.2K	ACC CSD appointed and works started 13 Jan 2015. Work is estimated to last 10 weeks (weather dependent).		↑
	A90 Muchalls - Stonehaven	Design of new section of cycle path along A90	£30K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced to date = £10.3K	Unlikely that phase 2 of this project will take place in 14/15 and virement proposed in separate budget report		↔
	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 Invoiced to date = £1.7K	Unlikely that construction of scheme will take place in 14/15 and virement proposed in separate budget report.		↔
	Inverallochy to Cairnbulg	Phase 2 delivery of cycle route (phase 1 previously funded by Aberdeenshire Council)	£50K Capital in 14/15 Invoiced in full	AC undertaking works. Works complete.		↑

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	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. Works to be commissioned via Scotland Excel framework.		↑
	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= £1.8K	CR Contracting North awarded contract and work started week beg 19 Jan. Path base and re-profiling of slope complete.		↑
	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 = £1.1K	Contract awarded to ACG Contracts. Works started in early Jan 2015 and expected to last 6-8 weeks. Small underspend against budget to be used to resurface section of A96 shared use path.		↑
IC7 - Airport Surface Connections						
IC7b: Work with partners to develop links to the airport including the	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 = £8.9K	The land access agreement has been concluded. Construction began on site on 26th January 2015. Works to continue into next financial year.		↑

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IC9 - Freight						
IC9a: Retain and develop modern intermodal freight terminals to serve the region and tackle the barriers to mode shift through the Freight Action	Rail Freight Grants	Scottish Gov has awarded Mode Shift Revenue Support grants worth over £770K in 2014/15 for freight services to transport goods by rail instead of road. This comprises 9 cross border services and an Eddie Stobart service that will remove 10,650 lorry trips between the central belt and Inverness and a DRS service that will remove 7,700 lorry trips between the central belt and Aberdeen.		Details on grants can be viewed at www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/policy/freight/Freight-Grants . Transport Scotland held seminar on rail freight in Aberdeen - see freight matters report for further details.		↑