

Sub Strategy 2: The internal connections strategy						® = MTS project
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IC1 - Rail						
IC1a: Increased frequency of services between Inverurie-Aberdeen-Stonehaven through Aberdeen	Crossrail ®	Funding support by Nestrans for enhanced sunday service approved and extra Sunday trains between Aberdeen and Inverurie in operation from 19 May, increasing the number of trains from 5 to 11 in each direction on Sundays.	£24K Revenue in 2013/14	Awaiting the GRIP3 report on the feasibility, cost and deliverability of the options proposed within the GRIP2 report to deliver an hourly service, possible new stations at Dalcross and Kintore and service enhancements.	GRIP3 - Single Option Selection report to be published in 2013.	↑
Crossrail 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.		Land negotiations with Network Rail being progressed and further details in separate publications and consultations report.		↑
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	GRIP3 - Single Option Selection report to be completed by Network Rail. Negotiations ongoing between AC Property and landowners. It is hoped that land purchase could be concluded by mid summer.		↑
	Aberdeen Station	The Scottish Government announced funding for wi-fi at several stations and this is to be installed at Aberdeen Station by Dec 2013.				↑

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IC2 - Road Improvements						
IC2a: Strategic Roads Capacity improvements – tackling constraints at A90 Ellon - Peterhead, A96 west of Inverurie, 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 on 25 June. Minister approved Option 5 as preferred option for the Haudagain, albeit this is caveated by the need to check the performance against new local development plans. 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 underway.	£30K Revenue in 12/13 Invoiced in full	Model validation complete and future year scenarios developed. Option testing underway and draft report to be prepared.		↑
	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.		Nestrans has sent a letter of support to the Transport Scotland consultation on draft statutory orders and environmental statement.		↑
	Market Street	Aberdeen City Council is undertaking statutory consultation on proposals to introduce a permanent ban on the ahead movement from Trinity Quay to Guild Street at the junction with Market St		Should no objections be received, the proposal will proceed to public consultation.		↑
IC2b: Strategic Roads Safety improvements –	A947 Route Action	Phase 2 of bend improvement strategy.	£80K Capital in 13/14	Proposed works being progressed.		↑
		Contribution towards localised surfacing works, improved drainage and road markings.	£43K Capital in 13/14			↑

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alignment and junction improvements on A90 south.	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 awarded to ACC Roads and to start in summer.		↑
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	£105K Capital in 13/14	Report being prepared for award of contract to Breedon Aggregates with anticipated start date of July / Aug.		↑
	A920	Edge repairs/haunching and asphalt overlay between Colpy and Potts Rayne.	£195K Capital in 13/14	Work currently being priced for direct award to Aberdeenshire Council with likely start in July/Aug		↑
	A952	Asphalt resurfacing North of Shannas Cottages to Wester Pettymarcus	£90K Capital in 13/14	Likely to be direct award to Aberdeenshire Council with start date of Aug / Sept.		↑
	A92	Overlay from south of dual carriageway to Nether Knowe	£70K Capital in 13/14	Tender being issued wk end 31 May.		↑
	A944	Bitmac overlay on A944 Tillyfourie westwards	£126K Capital in 13/14	Tender to be issued wk beg 2 June.		↑
IC2e: Support Local Authorities in bringing forward LTS projects that contribute to strategic objectives	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 preparing responses to all issues raised in representations before submitting these with the plan to Scottish Ministers by end June for examination. Methodology for Nestrans to manage the STF and processes for prioritisation and delivery continuing to be developed.		↑

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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	£45K Capital in 13/14	Footway improvements being carried out by Robertson Construction as an addition to original refurbishment contract. Five new Trueform shelters to be installed and aim to complete works in July		↑
	Portlethen bus stop initiatives	New high spec shelters at 2 main stops in Portlethen, installation of an electronic information kiosk at one stop and display screen at other and creation of a layby.	£60K Capital in 13/14	Bus stops to be upgraded have been identified and are on either side of Muirend Road within the vicinity of Asda.		↑
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	Internal workshops were carried out in May. An internal meeting has been arranged for June to discuss the way forward for this scheme.		↑
		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	Feasibility study commenced in May and consultations are expected to take place during June and July.		↑
	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 to take place during the summer period on an area basis in conjunction with other lining work.		↑

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IC3b (contd)	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.		↑
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.	£50K Capital in 13/14	Design works undertaken for alternative site. Aberdeenshire Estates in negotiations with regards to land. Land owner may be willing to sell the original piece of land identified for the site. Hope that negotiations can be concluded and land purchased by late summer 2013		↑
	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	Letter sent to Transport Minister regarding ongoing issues with land and response still awaited. Feedback awaited from Joint Valuation Officer re transfer of land. Aim to issue tender for works in July.		↑

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IC3e: Improve information provision including expanded real-time information systems across Aberdeen City	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 2012/13 to continue initiative.	£60K Capital in 13/14	Ongoing publicity improvements to infrastructure throughout the region.		↑
IC4 - Demand Responsive Transport						
IC4a: Support extension of 'Dial-a-Bus' and similar services to serve those unable to access conventional buses and to link with scheduled	Replacement minibus	Funding for purchase of replacement minibus for operation of A2B dial-a-bus service covering Alford, Strathdon and Westhill	£74K Capital in 13/14	Report going to AC Policy & Resources Cttee in June to seek approval to enter into negotiations with Stagecoach for them to purchase the vehicle. Should this not be possible through legal agreement then AC Fleet services to arrange purchase.		↑
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	Union St pedestrianisation ®	Timetable for pedestrianisation on hold. Detailed design of preferred option for South College St corridor and land acquisition complete, but implementation deferred due to budget constraints. 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. Further funding approved in 13/14 towards economic and environmental assessments for Aberdeen City Centre Pedestrianisation options.	£40K Revenue in 13/14	Brief for economic and environmental assessments currently being discussed and considered. Expected to be confirmed in August 2013.		↑

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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	£26K Capital in 13/14	Prioritised programme now identified, including upgrade of Coastal path with joint funding from Aberdeen Greenspace.		↑
	A96 Aberdeen - Blackburn path	Design work in relation to localised widening, consideration of crossings and review of existing facilities.	£10K Capital in 13/14	Options have been identified and are currently being developed.		↑
	Peterhead Cycle Demonstration Towns	Report approved by Buchan Area Committee on 28 Aug to consider development of shared use footway/cycleway along Windmill Road and Meethill Road to link North Road and South Road. 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. Further funding approved for 2013/14 to continue initiative.	£100K Capital in 13/14	500m section of footpath adjacent to the A90 to be widened to 3m to allow shared use and complete missing link. Aim to start works in August		↑
	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.	£32K Capital in 13/14	TRO is currently out for consultation and will be reported back to September EP&I Committee. Toucan design and Civils design completed and are awaiting confirmation of costs.		↑
	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.	£25K Capital in 13/14	Options have been identified and are currently being developed		↑
	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	Preliminary design to be commenced.		↑
	Parkway - Strategic Cycle Links	Design of ped / cycle route along Parkway to AECC	£20K Capital in 13/14	Options have been identified and are currently being developed		↑

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IC6c (contd)	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)	£190K Capital in 13/14	Tenders are currently out and will be returned on 4th June 2013. Works to commence approximately end of June 2013 for a 15 week period.		↑
	Anderson Drive Cycle Links (LIB)	Design and installation of small scale improvements on Anderson Dr	£30K Capital in 13/14	Design commenced and to be complete by July.		↑
	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	Surveys to be carried out in May / June		↑
	Westhill - Kingswells - Aberdeen cycle	Identification of small scale improvements to existing route focussing on the Den of Maidencraig Section	£5K Capital in 13/14	Site Visit was carried out in May. Works to be undertaken in July 2013 for duration of one		↑
IC7 - Airport Surface Connections						
IC7b: Support a shuttle bus between Dyce station and the airport	Airport Bus Turning Circle	Detailed design and construction of airport turning circle accessed from Foinavon Close.	£426K Capital in 13/14	A further Bat survey to be carried out in May / June. Planning application going to July Planning Committee for approval.		↑
IC9 - Freight						
IC9a: Support the development of modern intermodal freight terminals to provide future capacity for rail	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.	£25K Revenue in 13/14	GreCor Freight Action Plan being developed that will update and refresh the current Nestrans Freight Action Plan .		↑

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freight expansion.	Rail Freight Grants	S Gov announced Mode Shift Revenue Support Grants for 2013/14. This includes funding towards a daily DRS service between the Central Belt and Aberdeen.		Details on grants can be viewed at www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/policy/freight/Freight-Grants		↔
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 website and can also be accessed from Grampian Police and Council websites. Freight Forum meeting held 18 March and minutes on Nestrans website.	£10K Revenue in 13/14	Draft freight action plan being developed in association with GreCor.		↑
	A947 Oldmeldrum Rd / Dyce Dr	Increase radii at junction to improve turning manoeuvres for HGV's and ease congestion	£25K Capital in 13/14	Re-Lining works priced up and to be carried out potentially in June / July with junction widening being carried out in August 2013		↑
	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 13/14	Investigation into Land Ownership currently being carried out.		↑