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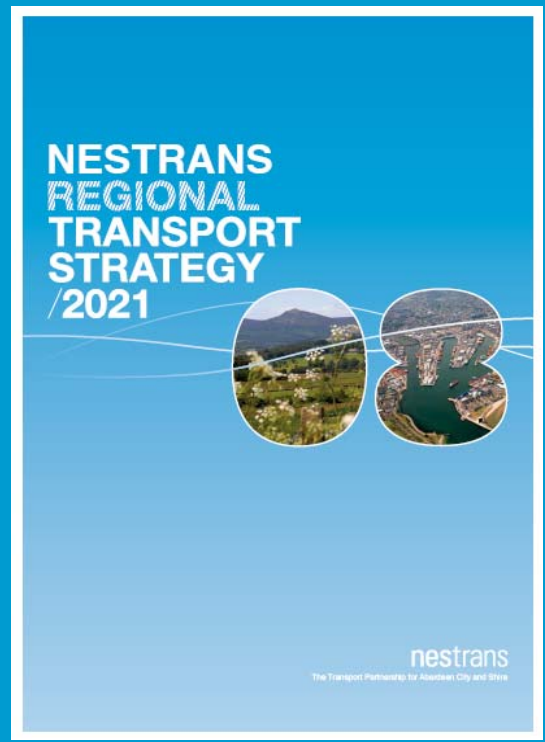
Nestrans Regional Transport Strategy

Regional Transport Strategy Approved by ministers in July 2008

Our vision for transport underpins our objectives and actions which are aligned with those of the National Transport Strategy:

"A transport system for the north east of Scotland which enables a more economically competitive, sustainable, and socially inclusive society."



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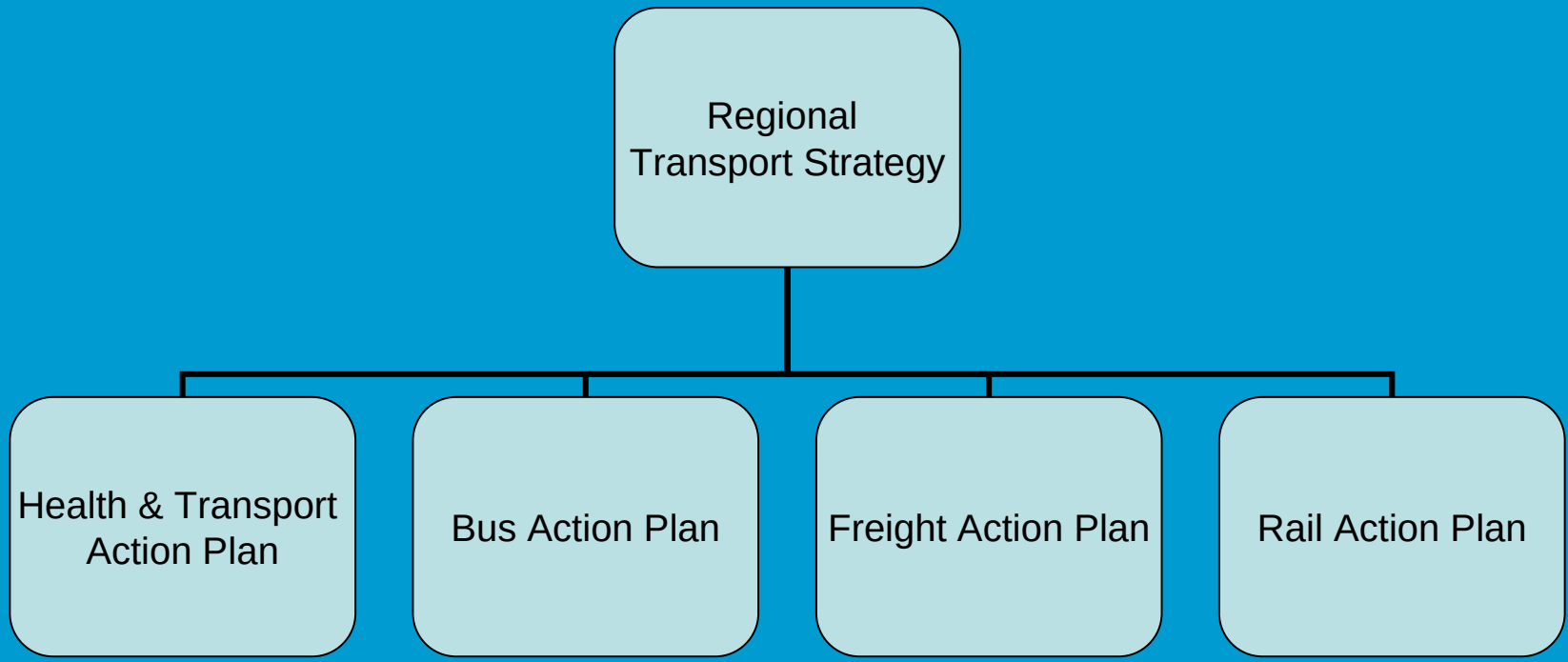
Nestrans RTS Delivery Plan

- Delivery Plan approved by Nestrans Board in September 2009
- £1.665 billion to 2021
- Major road and rail investments
- Not an agreed spending plan, but a priority-setting document
- Significant commitment to major schemes

Delivering the Strategy

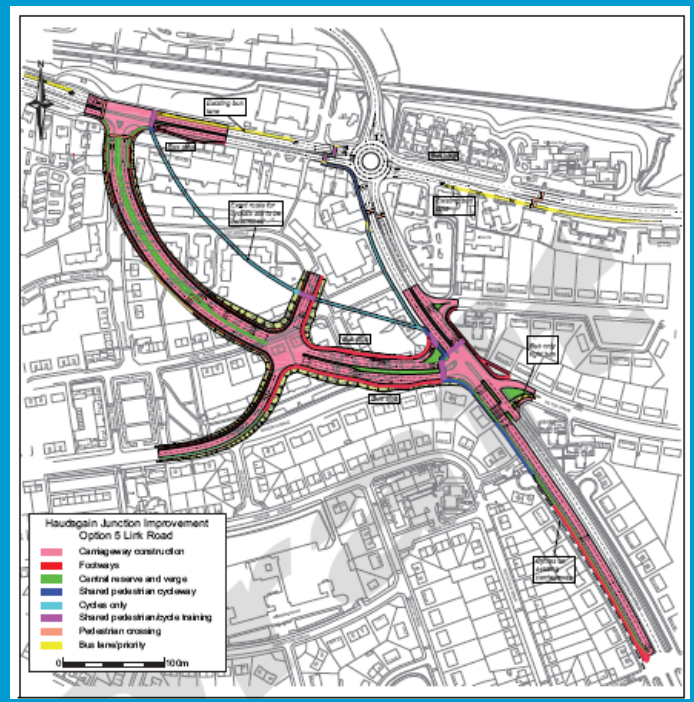


Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route

- Public Local Inquiry completed early 2009
- Report submitted to Ministers June 2009
- Ministerial announcement December 2009
- Scottish Parliament voted 108-2 in favour of approving orders
- Commitment to 2010/11 appointment of contracts
- Completion within three years

Haudagain roundabout

- Preferred scheme agreed by Nestrans in June 2008
- Aberdeen City Council endorsed scheme and submitted to Scottish Government
- Ministerial decision awaiting outcome of AWPR inquiry
- Announcement on Haudagain still awaited



3rd Don Crossing

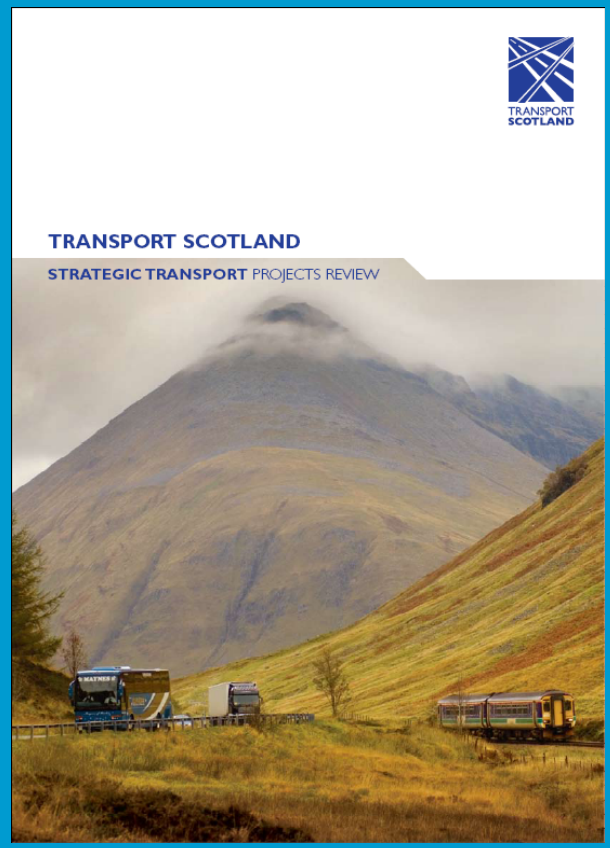
- Planning application submitted January 2010
- Now compliant with RTS, LTS and Local Development Plan
- Possible construction start in 2011
- Supports Haudagain proposals

Balmedie-Tipperty dualling

- Draft Orders published November 2007
- Public Local Inquiry held August 2009
- Opportunity to co-ordinate construction with AWPR
- Benefits for Buchan corridor and North Aberdeenshire

Longer term - Strategic Transport Projects Review

- Published by Transport Scotland in December 2008.
- Focuses on those interventions that most effectively contribute towards the Government's purpose of increasing sustainable growth.
- Lists national rail and road network improvements that will be promoted by the Scottish Government over the next 20 years and beyond.
- Complements the emerging National Planning Framework and National Transport Strategy objectives.



Large Vehicle Lanes Study

- Access from the South study investigated opportunities for High Occupancy Vehicle lane (Stonehaven Road) and Large Vehicle Lane (Wellington Road)
- Concluded that HOV must await AWPR
- … and that LVL don't offer the benefits hoped for – junction changes, signal priorities and banning turns are more effective

Proposed Lorry Park - Schoolhill

- Park and Ride site at Schoolhill on A90 (south)
- Opportunity to include lorry parking in design specification
- What is likely demand…
- What facilities are required…
- Replacement for Altens secure site
- … or a free parking place to replace A90 lay-byes

Potential Low Emission Zone

- ACC have had to declare three Air Quality Management Areas
- AQMA Action Plan being prepared
- ACC and Nestrans are involved in CARE North European Project
- Study into feasibility of a Low Emission Zone

  - "most polluting vehicles are deterred"

  - delivery vehicles may require to be Euro III or better

  - possibility of distribution centre

Coming Year

- Improved access to airport including improved Dyce Drive access to A96
- Structural repairs to Bervie Bridge
- Establish Rail Forum and develop Rail Action Plan
- Firm engineering proposals for Kintore Station
- Core paths and cycle routes
- Improvements at Peterhead Harbour
- Planning application 1,000 space Park & Ride site on A96
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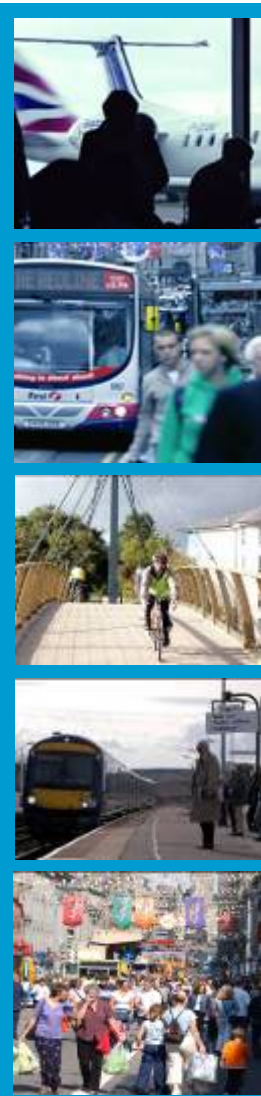
- Travel Planning – Getabout, i-Trace

Within Next 6-7 Years

- AWPR
- Balmedie to Tipperty
- Haudagain
- Improved access to Airport
- At least three new Park and Ride sites
- Pedestrianisation of Union Street
- Improved bus reliability
- Improved train service (Aberdeen to Inverness improvements)
- Kintore Station
- Airport upgrades and runway extension
- Improved train times Aberdeen to Glasgow/Edinburgh
- Better/safer cycling/walking