

Sub Strategy 1: The external connections strategy						® = MTS project
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EC1 - Rail Links and Services						
EC1a: Reducing journey times to Edinburgh and Glasgow, and further south.	Rail Utilisation Strategy	Network Rail published a draft consultation Generation Two Rail Utilisation Statement (RUS) for Scotland on 15 Nov. Letter submitted in response to consultation. This included report considered by Board in Dec 10 and request that proposals be costed to a level where decisions on the viability can be assessed against their impact.				↑
	Intercity Express Programme	Government has ruled out simply refurbishing existing trains and announcement made on 25 Nov 10 to secure through running trains. Remaining options are: revised and lower cost IEP bid from Agility Trains, with mix of electric trains and 'hybrid' trains (both electric & diesel engines); and a new proposal for a fleet of new all-electric trains that could be coupled to new diesel locomotives where the overhead electric power lines end.		Remaining 2 alternative options to be considered.		↑
EC1b: Improved train capacity, comfort and reliability.	Station Investment	"Access for All" 10/11 grants being reviewed by Transport Scotland following cuts to DfT budget. Received confirmation that only £390K now available, of which £280K needed for obligations to Describe Online, Fife Historic Buildings Trust, SPT, Sign Now, ATOC and maintenance of lifts provided through main Access for All Programme. Scotrail decided projects for remaining £110K, namely at Motherwell, Cupar and Scotstounhill. Previously programmed works recently completed however included automatic doors at Huntly, additional seating at Dyce, help points at Portlethen and additional Access officer for Aberdeen Station.		Transport Scotland will approach Scotrail to realise other projects should additional funding become available for this year, but currently the £20K of projects previously approved for the NE are not being progressed. Funding is proposed to progress this within the 2011/12 Nestrans Draft Capital Budget that is the subject of a separate report.		↑

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EC1c: Support for High Speed Rail connections to London, which benefit the north east.	High Speed Rail	Amendments announced on 20 Dec 10 to the planned route of the high-speed rail line from London to Birmingham to mitigate local impacts. The spur line to Heathrow airport will not be part of the initial stage, but will be included in the 2nd phase along with extensions to Manchester and Leeds.		Public consultation Works to start	February 2011 2017	↑
EC2 - Strategic Roads						
EC2a: Overcoming constraints on the network that have a direct impact on travel to/from the north east, such as the A90 through Dundee.	Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route ®	In early May 2010, 3 legal challenges were lodged with the Court of Session challenging the decision of the Scottish Ministers to proceed with the AWPR and the making of the Schemes and Orders. The current position of the AWPR project is similar to that outlined in previous updates whereby the legal challenges will delay construction of the AWPR until they are heard in the Court of Session and resolved. An 8 day diet has been set aside for the Court of Session commencing 22 February 2011 (when it is expected all three legal challenges will be heard). It is therefore difficult to be precise about the impact on the project timetable. Assuming a successful outcome to the challenges, a thorough review of the remaining stages of the project will need to be carried out before issuing a definitive timetable to construction. Property acquisitions are continuing in accordance with commitments given as agreed and as outlined by Scottish Ministers in their decision letter following consideration of the Public Local Inquiry Report.		Scottish Ministers are currently following the Court process and procedures in readiness to defend the legal challenges.	A thorough review of the project timescale will be undertaken as soon as the legal position is resolved.	↔

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	Balmedie to Tippetty ®	Transport Minister gave the go ahead for the upgrade on 27 Jan 11 after considering the findings and recommendations of the public local inquiry. He has not accepted the recommendations requiring fundamental redesign of sections of the route, deciding "on the grounds of improving road safety and providing increased accessibility for local communities and the north east in general, the Orders for the dualling of the A90 between Balmedie and Tippetty should be made."		Transport Scotland stated that pending a successful outcome to the appeal against the AWPR, the cost estimates for both schemes will be reviewed and updated prior to the formal procurement process starting.		↑
	A90 Access from the South study ®	Study to identify improvements and P&R site - final report published on Nestrans website spring 08. Individual capital projects being progressed in 10/11 are detailed separately elsewhere within this progress update. Two stakeholder workshops held and written submissions sought to allow input to the problem/opportunity and objective setting and option identification STAG stages of the Bridge of Dee Study. Option Sifting workshop to be arranged following ongoing initial operational and technical consideration of main option themes proposed.	Budget= £156K Capital , £150K Revenue Invoiced to date = £105K Capital £30K Revenue	Projects summary report of work to date identifying draft problems/opportunities, objectives and sifted options to be prepared. These draft proposals will be reported to Councils for consideration and approval. Proposals within 11/12 draft budget report to Board to continue STAG/DMRB processes to be considered.		↑
	Access from the North Study (An Integrated Transport Solution)	ACC officers to progress detailed design and delivery of package of integrated sustainable transport measures to improve access from the north with the Third Don Crossing and Berryden corridor programmes. Planning application lodged for Third Don Crossing, including realignment and upgrading of roads to the south of the river and creation of a shared ped/cycle path. Public hearing held on 14 Dec.		Delivery Plan detailing the programme for implementation of Access from North proposals approved by ACC EP&I Cttee on 18 Jan and is to be progressed as priority and funding permits.		↑

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	Forth Replacement Crossing (FRC)	Forth Crossing Bill approved by Parliament on 15 Dec 2010 and Royal Assent granted 21 Jan 11 to make this the Forth Crossing Act and officially grant Ministers the powers to begin construction later this year at a cost of £0.9 to £1.2 billion. The 2 consortia have submitted their final proposals to Transport Scotland. Further details can be viewed on Transport Scotland's website.		Principal contract for bridge and connecting roads awarded Contracts for upgrade of M9 junction 1a and Intelligent Transport System in Fife Construction to be complete	April 2011 late Spring 2011 Opening 2016	↑
EC4 - Connections by sea						
EC4c: Development of new freight and passenger	Northern Isles Ferry Consultation	Contract for Northern Isles ends 5 July 2012. S Gov to start process to ensure new contract in place for 6 July 2012 and Nestrans to represent the NE in contributing to this process.				↑
EC5 - Connections by Air						
EC5a: Support expansion of direct destinations from Aberdeen and frequency of popular services.	Airport Access - Dyce Dr/Argyll Rd Junction study	Funding approved in 10/11 Capital Budget to implement recommendations to upgrade MOVA traffic control system. Works expected to start on site on 14 Feb.	£35K Capital in 10/11	Report to be prepared to future Board on subject of bus/taxi lanes and ped/cycle measures on Dyce Dr.		↑
	Aberdeen Airport Improvements	ACSEF assessment of airport and its future growth plans on economic performance of region completed and will inform new Master Plan that is being drafted.		Aer Arann and Aer Lingus to launch new route between Aberdeen and Dublin from March 2011 with onward connection options to the United States. Easy Jet to launch new daily route between Aberdeen and London Gatwick starting in June 2011.		↑

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IC1 - Rail						
IC1a: Increased frequency of services between Inverurie-Aberdeen-Stonehaven through Aberdeen Crossrail and improved services to Inverness.	Crossrail ®	Network Rail submitted GRIP2 report to Transport Scotland , which investigates options for Aberdeen - Inverness line improvements. NESTRANS seeking copy of report. North East station guide and timetables continuing to be distributed.	£25K Revenue in 10/11 (Ab-Inv Sun Service) Invoiced in 10/11=£1.5K	Still undertaking discussions with Transport Scotland regarding enhanced Abdn - Inverness Sunday service proposal and the perceived additional cost to Transport Scotland this would entail.		↑
	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.	£477.7K ITF funding remains towards this project and A93 Park & Ride			↑
IC1b: Proposed new station at Kintore and further development of the rail system to	Laurencekirk Station ®	Additional car park costs involving CCTV, landscaping and retentions being invoiced.	£62K Capital in 10/11 Invoiced to date = £49.9K	Certificate of commendation from the Scottish Transport Awards under category of Best Transport Project of the Year to be displayed at Laurencekirk Station.		↑
IC2 - Road Improvements						
IC2a: Strategic Roads Capacity improvements – tackling constraints at A90	Access from the South ®	Detailed design and construction of segregated left turn slip lane from King George VI Bridge to West Tullos Road. Works completed. New lighting column to cover widened area of road in place and adjacent shared use path widened including new pedestrian rail erected.	£75K Capital in 10/11 Invoiced to date = £53K			↑

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Ellon - Peterhead, A96 west of Inverurie, Haudagain junction, Access to Aberdeen from IC2b: Strategic Roads Safety improvements – alignment and junction improvements on A90 south. Overtaking, junction and alignment improvements on A90 north and A96. Route Action on A92, A93, A944, A947	A944 Wellgrove Rd/ Straik Rd, Westhill	Installation of traffic signals and filter lanes. AECOM commissioned to assist with detailed design. Problems with utilities, drainage and layout identified at detailed design stage that will require additional land purchase. Detailed design only to be progressed in 10/11	£35K Capital in 10/11 Invoiced to date = £1.3K	Detailed design and revised cost estimate to be prepared in discussion with SEPA, utility companies and landowner.		↑
	A947	Aerial/Topographic Study	£100K Capital in 10/11 Invoiced to date = £43.1K	Work commissioned to Grontmij. Surveys complete and progressing with analysis and preliminary design of identified projects.		↑
		Route Action Preliminary Design	£100K Capital in 10/11			↑
	A93 Myrebird Junction	Junction realignment including kerbs and footways.	£25K Capital in 10/11			
	A947 Kinmundy Crossroads	Retexturing, including new lines and signs.	£23K Capital in 10/11			
King Street Lighting	Building on works undertaken in 09/10 to extend improvements northwards to Bridge of Don and help improve perception of safety to bus users on the Bus Punctuality Improvement Partnership Corridor. Final phase of work nearing completion to deliver 3 sections of improved lighting from West North Street to Seaton Pl.	£100K Capital in 10/11 Invoiced to date = £12K			↑	
IC2d: Prioritised maintenance for strategic routes, with particular benefits for public transport and	Queen Elizabeth Bridge	Funding approved to undertake waterproofing and drainage improvements. Works commenced on 2 July, with the southbound carriageway closed for 10 days followed by closure of the northbound carriageway for a further 10 days. Works completed on schedule, with the bridge fully reopened by 22 July. Invoiced in full.	£100K Capital in 10/11 Invoiced to date = £106.5K			↑

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sustainable modes. IC2d (contd)	Ellon Road	Partial reconstruction and resurface northbound carriageway from Balgownie Cres to the Parkway and incl. roundabout at North Donside Rd. Works completed and carriageway reopened by 4pm on 21 July - 4 days ahead of schedule.	£290K Capital in 10/11 Invoiced to date = £286K			↑
	A944 Westhill Roundabout	Reconstruction and surfacing. Works awarded to Ennstone Thistle and commenced 19 July and are now completed. Increased cost as soft patches required excavating and reinstating prior to overlay being completed. Invoiced in full.	£150K Capital in 10/11 Invoiced to date = £183K			↑
	A92/U124K to St Cyrus	Resurfacing at junction awarded to Ennstone Thistle and commenced 29 July. Works completed.	£100K Capital in 10/11 Invoiced to date = £106.5K			↑
	A93 Aboyne	Resurfacing Ballater Road from Huntly Rd to west of Balmoral Terrace. Works awarded to Operations and started end Sept. Works complete. Increased costs due to additional shaping and edge strengthening required.	£70K Capital in 10/11 Invoiced to date = £12K			↑
	A952	New Leeds to Cairnchina resurfacing. Works awarded to Ennstone Thistle. Scheme complete.	£128K Capital in 10/11 Invoiced to date = £128.2K			
	Various additional maintenance schemes in Aberdeenshire	Contribution towards edge reconstruction on A947 Mountbleton Lodge to Keilhill and resurfacing on A947 Castleton, A98 Ladysford and A97 Castlebrae/Cranra - with exact amount being balanced by any under/overspend on other AC maintenance projects funded by Nestrans..	£178K Capital in 10/11	All works completed and awaiting invoices.		↑
	Stoneywood Road	Carriageway resurfacing works of approx 800m from the end of the dual carriageway, up to Stoneywood Terrace began on 18 October and are now completed.	£100K Capital in 10/11 Invoiced to date = £116K			↑

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IC2e: Support Local Authorities in bringing forward LTS projects that contribute to strategic objectives	Local Development Plan	Nestrans commissioned cumulative impact study using ASAM4 to identify the strategic travel impacts associated with proposed LDP scenarios in City and Shire and funded comparative appraisal of various development options on A90 south of Aberdeen in 2009/10.	Invoiced in 09/10 = £91.5K (with further 12.6K expected)	High level potential transport interventions to mitigate cumulative impact being appraised and indicative scale of cost to be identified. Potential funding mechanism for developer contributions subject of separate report to Board.		↑
IC3 - Bus Improvements						
IC3a: Quality bus corridor improvements to services and facilities.	Bus Punctuality Improvement Partnership (BPiP)	BPiP launched for King St - Buchan corridor on 15 April 2010. ACC EP&I on 7 Sept approved promotion of Traffic Regulation Orders to enable creation of a bus lane on King St/Castle St, shortening of existing lane on Union St on approach to Market St and re-affirmation of right turn ban from Marischal Street to Castle St. Legislation process for TRO commenced. Baseline punctuality surveys being analysed. Detailed design ongoing.	£100K Capital in 10/11 Invoiced to date = £33.1K			↑
	Banff/Macduff Public Transport Improvements	Contribution towards costs for provision of shelters and kassel kerbs. Reporting to Banff & Buchan Area Committee on 2 Nov.	£150K Capital in 10/11 Invoiced to date = £4K	Aberdeenshire Operations aim to start works on 7 Feb with completion by 25 March.		↑
IC3b: Develop a Bus Action Plan to improve quality and reliability of services and set out proposals for	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. Data provided from Strategic ASAM model that reflects future year with AWPR impact to inform demand for detailed local model.	£15K Revenue in 10/11 Invoiced to date = £1.7K	Future year Paramics Model being developed then possibilities for revised staging at the junctions of Gt Western Rd and Westburn Rd with Anderson Dr to be tested.		↑

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extending bus priority measures.	Souterhead Rd/ Wellington Rd roundabout improvements	Medium term measures from Access from South study. Funding approved to progress design and submit a planning application in 10/11. Preliminary design for replacement of existing roundabouts progressing and work underway to develop site investigation for all options. Future year models have been created based on predicted growth from allocations proposed within Local Development Plans and economic benefit of the various options are to be estimated.	£80K Capital in 10/11 Invoiced to date = £50.9K	Further investigation into suitable options to be undertaken.		↑
	Bus Lane extension feasibility	Investigate feasibility of possible extensions of existing bus lanes on Holburn St and on Scotstown Rd and Balgownie Rd on approach to the Parkway. ACC EP&I Committee agreed in Nov to extend the operational times of the bus lanes on Holburn St to start 30 mins earlier ie 0800-0930 and extend the southbound lane on Holburn St on approach to the Bridge of Dee by around 120m with associated parking and loading restrictions.	£27K Revenue in 10/11 Invoiced to date = £13.8K	Agreed changes to be progressed to Initial Statutory Consultation and then public advertisement.		↑
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. Preliminary design completed. Twelve week pre-planning application consultation process commenced 15 November. Public exhibition took place in Portlethen Academy on 25 Jan from 4-9pm with presentation to Community Council at 7.30pm	£45K Capital in 10/11 Invoiced to date = £31.2K	Geotechnical investigations to be undertaken once access to land permitted.		↑
	P&R operation	Park & Ride leaflet with general information on NE bus and rail sites (eg location, no of parking spaces etc) has been designed.		Launch for leaflets to be arranged.		↑

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IC3e: Improve information provision including expanded real-time information systems across	Bus Service Information	AC has approved Bus Information Strategy in place. Public consultation taking place on ACC Bus information Strategy until 14 Jan 2011 and can be viewed on the Council website.		New bus stop timetable casing to be installed in City Centre to accommodate improved service information format in accordance with the Bus Info Strategies of both Councils.		↑
IC5 - Transport interchange						
IC5a: Maximising interchange potential of Guild Street development and link with Union	Guild Street pedestrian safety improvements	Funding approved by Nestrans Board to identify options and construct pedestrian safety improvements on Guild Street. Options to extend the central reserve on Guild St at the junction with Market St and reduce crossing distance between the rail station and Trinity Mall approved by ACC EP&I in November.	£80K Capital in 10/11 Invoiced to date = £2.6K	Wm Donald awarded tender and works to start on site 21 Feb for a period of 4 weeks.		↑
IC6 - Walking and Cycling						
IC6c: Continued development of cycle routes on key routes within Aberdeenshire, into Aberdeen and on routes through the City.	Westhill - Kingswells - Aberdeen cycle Route Phases 4 & 5	Phase 4 delivers section from Old Skene Road / Lang Stracht roundabout, linking back along the Lang Stracht to the existing Cycle Route, whilst phase 5 delivers the section from Kingswells to Westhill. Works completed.	Invoiced to end 09/10 = £95.7K (further costs expected) £72K Capital in 10/11	Outstanding costs now invoiced in full.		↑
	Core Paths	Funding approved in 2010/11 for surfacing, vegetation clearance, drainage works, signage and promotion of various strategic core paths. Remaining works due to commence imminently.	£120K Capital in 10/11 Invoiced to date = £1.3K	Additional path work from Riverside Drive to the Deeside Way at Duthie Park to be instructed to maximise budget due to savings and delays on some previously proposed works.		↑
	A96 Kintore to Blackburn Cycle way	Completion of design on proposed cycleway.	£15K Capital in 10/11	Design complete and awaiting final invoice.		↑

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	Peterhead Cycle Network	Construction of new section of cycleway at Collieburn Park.	£34K Capital in 10/11	Works ongoing and to be completed in March.		↑
	Fraserburgh Cycle Network	Construction of new cycleway at Arasaig Dr/ Buchan Rd. Works awarded to Colin Smith Contractors.	£49K Capital in 10/11	Works to start and be completed during February.		↑
	A96 Aberdeen - Blackburn path	Detailed design following on from previously funded feasibility study and linking with Blackburn - Kintore cycle path being progressed by Aberdeenshire Council. Preliminary design is ongoing and will be completed by the end of the financial year.	£15K Capital in 10/11 Invoiced to date = £3.9K			↑
	Donside cycle/ped route	Upgrade National Cycle Network Route 1 from Seaton Park and fill in missing link through Donside Paper Mills to form a continuous high quality walking, cycling and DDA compliant route. Work has started on site with bridge to be installed w/c 7 Feb.	£130K Capital in 10/11			↑
	Pedestrian Improvements in Stonehaven	Traffic Signal Upgrades to assist pedestrian movements at Market Square and Kirkton Road at Railway Bridge. Aecom commissioned to undertake design works. Site investigations complete. Additional track work required due to Market Sq site extending under bridge. Extra costs being considered in separate budget report to Board.	£120K Capital in 10/11	Works to start on site by end Feb 2011.		↑
	South Road, Inch	Construction of new footpath. Contract awarded to D&E Mackay and started w/c 31 Jan.	£60K Capital in 10/11			
IC7 - Airport Surface Connections						
IC7b: Support a shuttle bus between Dyce station and the airport terminal.	Airport - Dyce Station Shuttle Bus	Service launched 15 Dec 08. New timetable/route and fare introduced on 19 May 09. Works completed to install permanent bus stops and shelters. Revenue budget approved to support service in 10/11. Further publicity leaflets and 2,100 new timetables being printed.	£100K Revenue in 10/11 Invoiced to date = £27.1K	Subject of separate report to Board.		↑

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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 implementation of priority measures.	Freight Action Plan	Finalised Freight Action Plan available to view on Nestrans website.	£30K Revenue in 10/11	Freight Forum meeting to be held 24 Feb and draft HGV route maps to be circulated for finalisation before printing and being made available online.		↑
	HGV Priority/ Port access	See IC2c. Signal modifications instructed using loop detectors to improve southbound progression of HGV's on steep gradient of Wellington Rd at junctions with Greenbank Rd and Craigshaw Dr.				

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TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR						
TB1 - Promoting Travel Planning and Travel Awareness						
TB1a: Implementation and future development of Nestrans' Travel Planning Strategy.	Travel Planning strategy & Action Plan	Full list of Getabout events contained within information bulletin.	£75K Revenue in 10/11 Invoiced to date = 35.4K			↑
TB1b: Continue to provide support through the Sustainable Travel Grants Scheme	Sustainable travel grant scheme	Application approved from Hydrasun for contribution to a salary sacrifice TaxBUSter Scheme with First Group to try to encourage employees to use public transport to travel to/from work at new Gateway Business Park HQ.	£25K Revenue in 10/11 Awarded to date = £16K	Publicity to be arranged to recognise funding contributions on completion of each project.		↑
TB1c: Encourage increased up-take of car-sharing	Carshare website	Purchased licence for branded carshare internet site for the period Mar 2009 - Mar 2012 and use of call centre to register users onto a regional site. Rebranded nestransliftshare.com as get-aboutliftshare.com. Virals produced for Nestrans, Tactran, Sestran and Hitrans to promote liftshare and in use on twitter and facebook now on getabout website	Invoiced in 9/10 = £7K	Details given in information bulletin on motion to S Gov relating to liftshare and getabout		↑
	City Car Club	ACC has approved tender exercise to establish commercial interest then engagement of a provider for a City Car Club. Nestrans contributed 50% to 2 low emission Car Club vehicles in 09/10. Locations of car club parking bays approved by EP&I Cttee in Nov.	£10K Capital in 10/11	Traffic Regulation Order for 17 car club bays at 11 locations in Aberdeen City Centre going to public advertisement.		↑

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TB2 - Promoting Active Travel						
TB2a: Encourage more people to walk and cycle more often.	Cycling Demonstration Project	Project to improve / promote cycling facilities within a specific area of the City. Community Cycle challenge applications reviewed by awarding panel on 2 Feb.	£15K Revenue in 10/11	All bidders to be informed of outcome and successful bid developed and implemented.		↑
	Get Cycling Events	Range of bikes to be purchased for use at local events to encourage cycling in schools, communities and organisations. This will reduce cost of bringing commercial roadshows to the region and allow priority use by partners, with rental by others helping to fund future fleet renewals.	Funding to be provided from within approved Travel Planning budget	Service Level Agreement and cost ranges to be developed for purchase, storage, transport and maintenance of full kit for event being prepared with Adventure Aberdeen, Hazlewood School and Bucksburn Academy		
INCENTIVES AND ENFORCEMENT						
IE1 - Changing Choices through Incentives & Partnerships						
IE1a: Work with operators to identify possible fare incentives to encourage increased bus use,	Bus Operators	Adverts for Park & Ride services and real-time travel are to be placed on the backs of 2 First buses and an advert for getabout on the back of a Stagecoach bus from the Peterhead depot.		Publicity launch being arranged and adverts to remain in place for a year.		
IE2 - Using Enforcement						
IE2a: Support enforcement of vehicle emission standards to improve air quality, in Aberdeen City Centre and towns across the north east.	CARE North	Nestrans and ACC involved in Interreg IV project - CARE North which will look at creating a low emissions zone (LEZ) in the City Centre. LEZ study proposes detailed assessment of a bus or HGV focussed LEZ	£23.5K Revenue in 10/11	Initial consultation to be undertaken with bus and freight operators. Interviews held with various car club providers and aim to appoint a company by Summer 2011.		↑

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IE3 - Parking						
IE3a: Develop a Regional Parking Strategy to ensure a coherent approach to parking controls and standards across the north east.	Parking Strategy	Aecom commissioned to assist in preparation of draft Regional Parking Strategy for Board consideration	£15K Revenue in 10/11	Response to AC consultation on parking charge increases subject of separate report. ACC EP&I approved revised charges within Aberdeen for 2011-13.		↑