

Report to Partnership Meeting 16 September 2016

RESEARCH AND STRATEGY DELIVERY

HUBOB

Making Oban Interchange

Purpose of the Report

This report provides members with an update on progress on the Oban Hub project.

Design

IDP/Binns are working on a suite of layouts for the railway which include a new longer platform with direct access to the CalMac terminal. This platform will be long enough for sleeper operations and trackwork alterations will facilitate loco release, running around and stabling.

An increase of some 40% in marshalling lanes for CMAL/CalMac has been designed, with the removal of some trackwork and the proposed slabbing of a line to allow road vehicles to drive over the rails during peak times.

Consultation

A meeting was recently held with Serco Caledonian sleepers who expressed continued interest in serving Oban on a regular basis. This information has led us to conclude that in addition to a long platform provision needs to be made for shore supply of water, power and controlled emission toilet points plus showers in the new station building.

Discussions were recently held with Abellio ScotRail about accessing their Transport Integration Fund for improved rail to ferry, ferry to rail and bus CIS, matched funded by the HITRANS info screen at the new interchange/streetscape area. HITRANS have funding for a Totem screen at Oban that will offer bus, rail, ferry and air information.

The plan is for a new screen in Ferry Terminal providing Rail (and bus) information and CIS / signage at the end of Platform 3 to help guide rail-ferry passengers to the ferry terminal and ideally information on ferry times. Abellio have committed to providing wayfinding signage.

A meeting is to be held with CMAL in Port Glasgow on 15 September to understand current and future ferry operational needs.

Once all operational requirements are understood a meeting will be held with the Oban and Lorn Area Committee of Argyll and Bute Council.

Recommendation

1. Members are asked to note the report.

Risk	Impact	Comment
RTS delivery	√	This project fits well with a number of RTS Horizontal themes.
Policy	√	This project has integration and environmental benefits.
Financial	√	These project has funding impacts on HITRANS
Equality	-	No impact on equalities issues.

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