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Report to Partnership Meeting 24 April 2020

RESEARCH AND STRATEGY DELIVERY

HML Unfazed

Purpose of the report

To provide members with information on the final Highland Mainline Unfazed report.

HML Unfazed- latest

The report has been sent to Transport Scotland, and as a follow up the presentation in Annexe A was made to by the consultants last week.

Our aim to ensure that STPR2 acknowledges the non-delivery of STPR1 as far as the HML is concerned. We should be seeking:

- a low/zero carbon journey experience
- minimum 3hour journey time to Inverness to Glasgow / Edinburgh, with fastest 2h45 (Alex Hynes always likes to say 1 mile per minute to be competitive)
- as a minimum the service pattern agreed through HML phase 2 consultation with secondary stations receiving meaningful calls
- high quality rolling stock
- fully accessible stations that act as tourist hubs with linking bus services and active travel opportunities
- deliver at least a freight path every two and/or an amended method of maintenance allowing overnight freight (1 week in 6 night time closure with diversion via Aberdeen)
- deliver an infrastructure capable of at least 92.5%ppm
- re-signal/re-control the entire route

We will be advancing these arguments in our responses to NPF and STPR2.

RISK REGISTER

RTS Delivery

Impact – RTS compliant

Policy

Impact – Mode shift, emissions reduction, efficiency of transport operations,

Financial

Impact – Will require Transport Scotland capital investment

Equality

Impact – Access to network

Recommendation

1. Members and Advisors are recommended to note the report.

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