

Report to Partnership Meeting 22April 2022

CONSULTATION

20% reduction in Car Km Route Map

Purpose of Report

This report introduces HITRANS draft response to the consultation on the 20% reduction in Car Km Route Map.

Introduction

A link to the consultation on the 20% reduction in Car Km Route Map can be found at the following link <https://www.transport.gov.scot/consultation/consultation-on-the-20-reduction-in-car-km-route-map/>.

The route map is published in response to the Scottish Government's Climate Change Plan update commitment to reduce car kilometres by 20 per cent by 2030, to meet Scotland's statutory obligations for greenhouse gas emissions reduction by 2045. However, it also recognises the benefits that re-thinking the way we travel can have on our individual and community health and wellbeing, as well as the fairness of our society and the inclusiveness of our economy.

The route map builds on the vision for Scotland's transport system set out in the second National Transport Strategy, aimed at protecting our climate and improving our lives. However, it acknowledges that people's travel behaviours are shaped by the wider context in which they live and services they need to access.

The route map encourages all of us to reduce our overreliance on cars wherever possible and identifies four key behaviours that we want everyone in Scotland to consider each time we plan a journey:

- make use of sustainable online options to reduce your need to travel;
- choose local destinations to reduce the distance you travel;
- switch to walking, wheeling, cycling or public transport where possible;
- and combine a trip or share a journey to reduce the number of individual car trips you make, if car remains the only feasible option.

The route map sets out the interventions the Government are putting in place to enable people to take these actions.

The Scottish Government and COSLA have co-developed the route map in recognition of the need for joint ambition and action at both a national and local level.

Transport accounts for 29 per cent of Scotland's greenhouse gas emissions, with cars making up 38 per cent of those transport emissions.

Consultation

A copy of HITRANS draft consultation response is attached as an appendix to this report. The draft response seeks to highlight a number of the important issues in relation to the Route Map and the proposed interventions with respect to the HITRANS area. Members are invited to consider the draft response and recommend any changes at or in advance of the Partnership meeting on 22nd April so that the response can be edited prior to submission.

RTS Delivery

Impact - Positive

Comment – The proposals outlined in the Route Map will inform the prioritisation of the projects within the RTS Delivery Plan

Policy

Impact - Positive

Comment – The Route Map has been published in response to the Scottish Government's Climate Change Plan commitment.

Financial

Impact – Positive

Budget line and value – No direct impact but the policies and priorities will provide a focus for future Business Plans

Equality

Impact – Positive

Comment – Reducing unnecessary car mileage is one of the key priorities of the updated National Transport Strategy.

Members are invited to;

1. Note the report
2. Approve HITRANS response to the consultation on the 20% reduction in Car Km Route map subject to any amendments proposed at the Partnership Meeting

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