

## SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE HITRANS GRANT AWARD – 2004/05 ALLOCATION

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Transport Minister Nicol Stephen announced the award of a further £1.345million to HITRANS at the Highlands and Islands Convention in Arran on 29 March.

To ensure projects are delivered on time an initial project list has been prepared. This is drawn from the project list developed as a result of the previous grant award to HITRANS (December 2003). Members are asked to consider the projects on the proposed list and confirm their agreement to the list or make suggestions if they believe the list does not address the greatest priorities for each area.

### 2. PROJECT LIST

The Scottish Executive stipulate that projects progressed through the HITRANS grant award should be in line with the Regional Transport Strategy. The column on the left side of the list indicates the long term strategic priority with which each project complies. The five strands of long term strategic action identified in the RTS are:

Theme 1 – User Costs and Fares

Theme 2 – Infrastructure Strategy

Theme 3 – Improving Services

Theme 4 – Integration and Interchange

Theme 5 – Information

STRATEGY /THEME	LOCAL AUTH	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	COST	COMMENTS
Theme 3	HC	Uig Pier	Low Floor Bus	£81,000	CNES long term desire. Price based on Optare Solo.
Theme 3	AB	Tiree	Low Floor Bus	£62,000	To provide an accessible service in Tiree.
Theme 3	AB	Kintyre Dial A Bus	Low Floor Bus	£25,000	To provide an accessible service in Kintyre.
Theme 3	CNES	Stornoway	Low Floor Bus	£106,000	Price based on a DAF SB200.
Theme 3	Moray	TBA	Low Floor Buses	£140,000	Funding introduction of low floor buses.
Theme 2	HC	Evanton – Alness or Cradlehall – Retail Park	Cycle Path	£50,000	
Theme 4	HC	Muir of Ord Station	Park and Ride Schemes	£50,000	Include CCTV, waiting shelter refurbishment etc.
Theme 4	AB/ HC/ Moray	Elgin, Inverness and Oban	Traffic Model	£50,000	To provide a better understanding of the effects of introducing measures such as bus lanes or park and ride facilities.
Theme 5	HC and	Elgin to Inverness	Scoping Study	£25,000	

	Moray	Corridor			
Theme 5	All	TBA	New bus stop flags/poles	£30,000	The flags should advertise the new Traveline SMS information service.
Theme 5	All	Routes To Ferry Ports	Advance signing of ferry ports.	£10,000	Advance signing of ferry ports.
Theme 5	AB/HC/Moray	Inverness to Buckie and/or Glasgow to Campbeltown	RTIS Trial	£100,000	A trial of a real time information system.
Theme 2 and 3	HC	Inverness	Bus Priority	£30,000	Bus priority measures at traffic lights.
Theme 3	AB/HC/SIC	Elgin (& urban Moray as identified), Inverness, Lerwick and Oban	Low Floor Boarding Platforms	£60,000	Introduce raised kerbs at locations where low floor bus operation is well established.
Theme 4	Moray	Elgin	Park and Ride investigation and trial	£10,000	
Theme 5	HC	Fort William	Travel Centre	£90,000	Creation of staffed travel centre within Fort William railway station.
Theme 4	All	Shelter Locations	Shelter Reurbishment / Maintenance Contract	£35,000	Cleaning and maintenance of HITRANS shelters.
Theme 4	Moray/NA	TBA	10 No. HITRANS Shelters	£60,000	To be located in Moray and Arran.
Theme 2	AB	Iona	Ferry Terminal Building	£80,000	Provide a passenger waiting facility at the ferry terminal to accommodate the high passenger volumes travelling to Iona. Ferry capacity of 250.
Theme 2	OIC	Kirkwall Airport	Covered Walkway	£120,000	HIAL support for this project has already been given.
Theme 4	SIC	A970 Sumburgh to Lerwick	Bus bays	£25,000	
Theme 2	SIC	Ferry Terminal Locations	Automatic Lighting	£10,000	Improve security and passenger safety.
Theme 2	SIC	Grutness Ferry Terminal	Ferry Waiting Room	£30,000	Replace temporary portacabin.
Theme 2	SIC	Toft and Ulsta Ferry Terminals	Passenger Shelters	£6,000	Improve passenger facilities.
Theme 2	SIC	Shetland Ferries Terminals	Improve Facilities	£60,000	Improve passenger facilities.
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>£1,345,000</b>	