

THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS STRATEGIC TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORT – HITRANS 10 DECEMBER 2004

∞ Purpose of Report

To update members of the progress made on delivering the Transport Infrastructure and Information Project (Phase 1 - PTF 4); the Interchange Project (Phase 2 - PTF 5) and the Scottish Executive section 70 grant award for 2004/05 (Phase 4).

∞ Transport Infrastructure and Information Project (Phase 1)

Project List

The projects being progressed in this the final year of the Transport Infrastructure and Information Project (up to 31 March 2005) are listed below. The column headed 31/03/05 indicates the estimated expenditure that will have been made on each project when the project is completed on 31 March 2005. The column headed 31/10/04 shows the level of expenditure processed for projects up to 31 October.

Area	Location	Description	31/03/2005	31/10/2004
Argyll	Glendaruel & Tarbert	Variable Message Board	£28,000.00	£0.00
	Barcaldine x2, Benmore Gardens, Loch Creran Bridge x 2, Kilmelford, Lochawe village, Taynuilt	Bus bays at main route connection points.	£150,000.00	£100,000.00
	Bowmore x 2, Barcaldine x 2, Benmore Gardens x 2, Columba Centre Islay x 2, Craobh Haven, Dunbeg x 2, Dunoon, Islay Airport x 2, Kilmelford, Kilinver, Lochawe village, Loch Creran Bridge x 2, Lochgilphead x 2, Tarbet, Taynuilt,		£134,920.00	£123,000.00
	Lochgilphead	Interchange	£100,000.00	£0.00
Eilean Siar	Lochmaddy	Top up phase 2 funding.	£140,000.00	£10,000.00
	Stornoway, Bus Station	Redevelopment	£104,800.00	£14,800.00
	Bernera Junction	Bus Interchange	£25,000.00	£25,000.00
	Lewis and Harris	Installation of 13 shelters (funded phase 3)	£12,953.00	£0.00
Highland	Portree, Somerled Square	Stance Redevelopment and Waiting Facility	£65,000.00	£65,000.00
	Fort William Transport Interchange	Top Up Funding	£90,000.00	£90,000.00
	All	Shelter Spares	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
	Inverness	Passenger Information Systems - Bus/Rail	£28,100.00	£28,100.00
	Inverness, Bus Station	Improved CCTV coverage	£14,269.40	£0.00
	Inverness, Falcon Square	Top Up To Fund Shelter	£6,000.00	£0.00
	Fort William Railway Station/Bus Station	CCTV Cameras to monitor interchange	£38,905.00	£0.00
	Stagecoach Inverness	CCTV Cameras on 4 buses	£9,150.00	£9,150.00
	Tain, Station	CCTV	£14,000.00	£0.00
	Spares	Polycarbonate Roof Panels	£1,050.00	£1,050.00
	Invergordon Station	Shelter Installation	£2,300.00	£2,300.00
	Invernet	16 Cycle Stands	£2,500.00	£0.00
	Invernet	12 Cycle Lockers	£11,000.00	£0.00
	Thurso - Station to Town Centre	Improved pedestrian signage	£1,000.00	£0.00
	Dunbeath	3 Bay Tunnel Shelter	£6,000.00	£5,225.00
	Inverness to Durness	Bus Cycle System Trailer	£22,000.00	£24,000.00
	Wick, Safeway	Extend Bay	£10,000.00	£0.00
ł	Lybster	Turning Circle	£10,000.00	£0.00

	Alness Alness x 2, Coylumbridge x 2, Cromdale, Dalwhinnie x 2, Inverdruie, Inverness x 2, Glenmore, Halkirk, Glenfinnan, Kingussie, Nairn x 2, Spean Bridge	Shelter roofs replacement Bus Shelters	£400.00 £116,130.00	£400.00 £100,000.00
OIC	Kirkwall x 2, Graemsay, Houton, Moaness, North Ronaldsay, Papa Westray, Pierowall, Tingwall	Interior VMS	£21,845.00	£0.00
	Kirkwall x 2, Stromness Houton, Tingwall, Eday, Flotta, Sanday, Stronsay, Rapness, Shapinsay, Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre, Kirkwall Shapinsay Slip, Lyness	Variable Message Board Single line Variable Message Sign	£23,900.00 £29,185.00	£0.00
	Orkney Ferries (8 vessels)	Lap tops and control software for 8 vessels.	£10,000.00	£0.00
	Ferry Terminals (see above)	Sign Installation	£16,517.00	£0.00
	Ferry Terminals (see above)	Software	£3,000.00	£0.00
	Pierowall	2 bay enclosed	£7,500.00	£0.00
	Quoyloo	2 bay enclosed	£2,500.00	£0.00
	Kirkwall Hospital	Installation of year two narrow roof mini EP	£1,000.00	£0.00
	Twatt	2 bay enclosed solar	£7,000.00	£0.00
	Biggings Junction	Waiting Shelter	£7,000.00	£0.00
	Tankerness Shore St/churchyard Rd	Hardstanding for bus passengers.	£10,000.00	£0.00
	Stromness	Travel Centre HITRANS Top Up	£20,000.00	£20,000.00
Strategic £500.00	AB/CNES/HC/OIC	Bus Bike Bags	£500.00	£500.00
Staff	Costs		£50,000.00	£35,000.00
TOTAL			£1,392,866.40	£692,816.00

Dunoon Transport Interchange

HITRANS is funding improved transport interchange facilities in Dunoon. Funding has been distributed directly to Argyll and Bute Council for this project and the work is being undertaken on behalf of the Council as an element of a much larger project, the redevelopment of Dunoon Pier. The project will be completed on schedule before 31 March 2005 at a cost of £150,000.

Lochmaddy Ferry Terminal Transport Interchange

As reported at the last meeting progress on the Lochmaddy Ferry Terminal Transport Interchange has been delayed for a variety of reasons. Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar have indicated that the project will not be completed until summer 2005 and have asked the Executive to allow the funding period to be extended to cover the revised delivery timetable.

The Interchange will feature:

- ? Expanded vehicle assembly area to cope with the increased capacity provided by MV Hebrides.
- ? New terminal building with increased capacity.
- ? Bus stance on the pier.
- ? Redevelopment of existing office and waiting room to provide office for Pier Supervisor, 24-hour toilet and shower facilities for lorry drivers and visiting yachts.

Kirkwall Travel Centre

The Kirkwall Travel Centre project is scheduled over a two-year period with design work now completed. The location of this facility is to be the current site of Jewson Building supplies.

Orkney Islands Council is progressing this project and the grant allocation from the Scottish Executive is going directly to the Council.

Summary

Local Authority	Location	Project Description	HITRANS Funding (2004/05)
Argyll & Bute Council	Dunoon, Pier	Transport Interchange	£150,000
Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar	Lochmaddy Ferry Terminal	Transport Interchange	£450,000
Orkney Islands Council	Kirkwall	Travel Centre	£30,000

Recommendation

- 1. Argyll and Bute Council should confirm when work has been completed at Dunoon Transport Interchange.
- 2. Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar should complete the monthly project-monitoring sheet in relation to Lochmaddy Transport Interchange and return this to the Project Officer.
- 3. Orkney Islands Council should complete monthly project monitoring sheets in relation to Kirkwall Travel Centre once the construction phase begins in 2005/06.

The list of projects being progressed through funding from the Scottish Executive section 70-grant allocation to HITRANS for 2004/05 was amended at the October HITRANS meeting.

Funding totalling £32,000 remains unallocated however it is likely some of the original projects will require additional funding. For example tenders are to be invited for the Inverness Airport and Glasgow - Campbeltown real time information projects with discussions with potential suppliers indicating that the Campbeltown project is likely to exceed the available budget.

At the last meeting it was agreed that some of the \pounds 32,000 could be used to resolve a software problem that was restricting the effectiveness of the ferry information signs provided through earlier HITRANS funds. It has subsequently been agreed with Caledonian MacBrayne that they meet this cost and the new software will be installed before the end of December.

The table below lists all the projects now being progressed. The left-hand column relates to the themes listed in the HITRANS regional transport strategy:

- Theme 1 User costs and fares
- Theme 2 Infrastructure strategy
- Theme 3 Improving Services
- Theme 4 Integration and Interchange
- Theme 5 Information

RTS	Local Authority	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	COST	COMMENTS
Theme 2	HC	Highland	Cycle	£45,000	
			Infrastructure		
Theme 2	Moray	Elgin, Forres and	Cycle Parking	£3,000	
		Keith Stations			
Theme 3	HC	Uig Pier	Low Floor Bus	£65,000	
Theme 3	HC	Mallaig	Low Floor Bus	£45,000	Partnership with Shiel Buses.
Theme 3	AB	Tiree	Low Floor Bus	£63,000	For an accessible service in Tiree.

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Theme 3	AB	Cowal and Bute	Low Floor Bus	£42,000	Partnership with West Coast Motors.
Theme 3	A & BC	Kintyre	Low Floor Bus	£42,000	Partnership with West Coast Motors.
Theme 3	Moray	Elgin	Low Floor Buses	£160,000	4 lowfloor buses partnership with Stagecoach.
Theme 3	Moray	TBA	Taxi/ bus		Funding low floor bus and/or accessible taxi
Theme 3	НС	Inverness-Durness	Low Floor Bus	£45,000	Low floor bus, route will also be used to trial a bus- cycle trailer. Partnership with Tim Dearman Coaches.
Theme 3	HC	Small Isles	Luggage Cages	£10,000	To provide a cage and tractor facility to carry luggage and goods to the Small Isles.
Theme 3	HC	Muir of Ord Station	Station Improvement		Include CCTV, waiting shelter refurbishment, landscaping, designated station car parking.
Theme 3	HC	Brora Station	Station Improvement		Including installation of CCTV
Theme 3	AB	Iona	Ferry Terminal Building		Provide a passenger waiting facility at the ferry terminal to accommodate the high passenger volumes travelling to Iona.
Theme 3	OIC	Outer Isles	Airfield Lights		Landing lights at Outer Isles airfields.
Theme 3	SIC	Ferry Terminal Locations	Automatic Lighting	£10,000	Improve security and passenger safety.
Theme 3	SIC	Grutness Ferry Terminal	Ferry Waiting Room	£30,000	Replace temporary portacabin.
Theme 3	SIC	Toft and Ulsta Ferry Terminals	Passenger Shelters	£10,000	Improve passenger facilities.
Theme 3	SIC	Shetland Ferries Terminals	Improve Facilities		Improve passenger facilities.
Theme 3	Moray	Elgin to Buckie Service	CCTV	£3,850	Install CCTV cameras on 2 buses on Service 305.
Theme 3	CNES	Stornoway Bus Station	CCTV	£25,000	Extend town CCTV system to include bus station.
Theme 3	HC/Moray	Elgin and Inverness	Traffic Model	£30,000	
Theme 4	HC		Feasibility Study	£10,000	
Theme 4	CNES	Stornoway, Airport	Bus bay & shelter	£30,000	
Theme 4	NA	,	Bus Terminus		Provision of bus terminus and footpath to Hotel.
Theme 4	SIC	Sumburgh to Lerwick	Bus bays	£25,000	
Theme 5	All	Routes To Ferry Ports	Advance signing of ferry ports.		Advance signing of ferry ports on trunk roads.
Theme 5	HC	Inverness	RTIS scheme/bus priority	£80,000	Real time information pilot on Airport bus routes and bus priority measures in Inverness.
Theme 5	AB	Glasgow to Campbeltown	RTIS Trial	£40,000	
Theme 5	CNES	Daliburgh	Electronic VMS		Variable message sign to inform of ferry service disruption.
Theme 5	CNES	Castlebay	Electronic VMS		Variable message sign to inform of ferry service disruption.
Theme 5	HC	Fort William	Travel Centre	£70,000	Creation of staffed travel centre within Fort William railway station.
TOTAL:	-			£1,313,000	

Recommendations

1. The remaining \pounds 32,000 be made available as a top up for the projects listed in the table.