

Report to Partnership Meeting 13 April 2012

RESEARCH AND STRATEGY DELIVERY

Conon Bridge Station

Purpose of Report

To provide a brief update for Members on Conon bridge.

Progress

1. HITRANS has signed a Basic Services Agreement with Network Rail enabling them to procure a GRIP5 detailed design. This provides a ready to go to tender programme with costs at +/- 10%.
2. HITRANS has paid Network Rail £99880 in order for the work to be carried out, using funds that were made available by the Transport Minister in March 2011.
3. The access and road and car park design can now be finalised by The Highland Council, using £20000 funding previously provided to them by HITRANS to meet this commitment.
4. A press release was issued by HITRANS on 30 March, linking Beauly Station's 10th anniversary with the Conon investment.
5. HITRANS be exploring sources of funding for the construction of the station,
6. The Network Rail remit appears below:

NETWORK RAIL REMIT

1.1

Services

- (a) The Services of the Network Rail Project Manager, Sponsor and appropriate supporting resources to manage the Services.
- (b) Award and management of the contract for the development of the Project to detailed design stage (Grip Stage 5).
- (c) Procurement of all technical information, plans and designs as necessary including but not limited to:
 - Form A
 - Form B
 - Inter disciplinary checks
 - Outline Project Specification
 - Design Drawings

As appropriate for all disciplines (track, signalling, telecoms, structures, buildings, E&P) and check their compliance with standards.

- (d) Technical oversight and safety management of the Services.
- (e) Compliance with CDM Regulations.
- (f) Undertaking necessary consultations and stakeholder management, including consultation with external agencies (such as HMRI) as required.
- (g) The provision of such information as may reasonably be required on matters relating to Network standards, railway regulations and railway health and safety.
- (h) Regular updates of the Project cost estimate and delivery programme
- (i) Survey Works
 - Topographical Surveys
 - Ground Investigation Surveys

1.2 Deliverables

- (a) Topographic Survey
- (b) Ground Investigation Survey
- (c) Form B Designs for Station Facilities
- (d) Incorporation of The Highland Council/HITRANS road design package into final report
- (e) Estimated costs of implementation(GRIP Stages 6 to 8)

1.3 Underlying assumptions

- (a) Planning Consents obtained by The Highland Council/HITRANS are valid and conditions acceptable to Network Rail.
- (b) Road design package complies with the requirements of The Highland Council and the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges.
- (c) Network Rail will be contracted to deliver the Grip Stage 6-8 works under regulated Agreement terms.

1.4 Necessary Consents required:

- (a) to be obtained by Network Rail
 - Internal Land Clearance
 - Network Change

1.5 Details of Insurance Policies

Insurance provisions in accordance with Network Rail Tier 1 Contract requirements;

Professional Indemnity Insurance £10,000,000 (ten million pounds) for any one occurrence or series of occurrences arising out of any one event, save that for claims directly relating to asbestos, pollution or contamination which shall be £5,000,000 (five million pounds) and may be subject to an annual aggregate limit.

1.6 Information to be provided by the Customer

Access road, car park and associated lighting detailed design and bill of quantities will be provided by HITRANS/The Highland Council.

1.7 A QRA will be undertaken during the development of the project.

1 SCHEDULES TO REMIT

1.1 Estimated Cost

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| (1) Network Rail Agency Costs and Personnel Costs | £84,000 |
| (2) Contingency | £10,000 |
| Sub total (1): | £94,000 |
| Network Rail Fee Fund 5% of (1) | £ 4,200 |
| Industry Risk Fee Fund 2% of (1) | £ 1,680 |
| Customer Total Estimated Project Costs: | £99,880 |
| Customer Cap | £ 8,988 |
| Network Rail Cap | £100,000 |

2.2 Development Programme

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| Rail Infrastructure: Grip 1-5 Design Contract Award ¹ | 31.03.12 |
| Rail Infrastructure: Grip 1-5 Design Completion | 30.07.12 |
| Provision of road design package approved by The Highland Council | 30.08.12 |
| Incorporation of road design package into final report | 30.09.12 |
| Completion of Services under this Agreement ² | 30.10.12 |

¹ Detailed programme to be confirmed post contract award

² Completion date dependent on supply of road design package.

Recommendation

1. Members are asked to note the report.

| Risk | Impact | Comment |
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| RTS delivery | √ | This project fits well with a number of RTS Horizontal themes by encouraging modal shift and economic development. |
| Policy | √ | This project has integration and environmental benefits. |
| Financial | √ | The design of the project is fully funded |
| Equality | √ | Promotion of the provision of greater access to rail services facilitates greater equity for groups without access to private transport. |

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