



## Report to Partnership Meeting 24 November 2017

### PARTNERSHIP

#### National Transport Strategy

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update the Partnership Board on the National Transport Strategy Review including the co-production approach being taken and how this is supported by a range of Partnership and Thematic Working Groups.

#### Summary

- In August 2016, the Minister announced that the National Transport Strategy (NTS) will be subject to a comprehensive review. The review will develop a successor strategy that sets out a compelling vision for transport over the next 20 years.
- We have set out an approach that is focused on collaborative working with our partners, developing a robust evidence base and engaging with stakeholders and citizens across Scotland to give them a greater say in the development of transport policy.
- Our collaborative approach involves a wide variety of internal and external stakeholders, who will meet regularly to develop the successor NTS with us through our working groups and partnership forums.
- We will deliver a wide programme of engagement across Scotland to ensure that transport users also have an opportunity to feed into the NTS process.
- The NTS Review will work towards a formal public consultation on a draft strategy in early 2019 with a view to publishing the successor strategy in July 2019.
- Details of our plans regarding collaborative working, evidence gathering and indicative timeline are detailed below.

#### Early Engagement Survey

- An early engagement online survey that sought responses on the opportunities and challenges facing transport over the next 20 years was launched in December 2016 and closed on 31 March 2017. A total of 614 responses were received, of which 76 were from groups or organisations and 538 from individual members of the public.
- The analysis of responses to the survey was published on the Transport Scotland website on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017: <https://www.transport.gov.scot/publication/national-transport-strategy-early-engagement-consultation-survey/>

- Responses to the survey highlighted key themes that were particularly important to respondents, including:
  - promoting active travel;
  - environmental issues;
  - high quality integrated public transport;
  - rural and island connectivity;
  - accessibility and affordability; and
  - the quality of our road network
- The survey responses also indicated broad support for the three national transport outcomes featured in the 2006 NTS.
- Following the conclusion of the early engagement online survey we are now moving to extend the collaborative ethos of the review further. We have developed a plan for full-scale, Scotland-wide stakeholder engagement which will culminate in a public consultation in the early part of 2019.
- The responses to the survey have informed the means by which full-scale stakeholder engagement will progress through online channels, social media, existing working groups and forums, dedicated events, special interest groups and community engagement.

### **Call for Evidence**

- The NTS Research and Evidence Group launched a Call for Evidence to a wide variety of stakeholders and partnership working groups on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017. The Call closed on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017.
- The Call asked for submissions of evidence (from all sectors and interested parties: academic, public, private and third sectors) to address questions grouped around seven key themes:
  - Economic growth and inclusive growth
  - Transport mode choice and demand
  - Environmental impact of transport
  - Active travel (e.g. walking and cycling)
  - Safe and resilient transport
  - Transport governance
  - Potential changes in society and technology
- Full details of the questions asked and further information about the Call can be accessed at: <https://www.transport.gov.scot/consultation/national-transport-strategy-call-for-evidence/>
- A total of 62 responses were received by the end of July 2017, including detailed submissions from a wide variety of sectors and modal interests. The initial analysis of the evidence received is being conducted by Transport Analytical Services within Transport Scotland.

- Submissions to the Call and summaries of the evidence received produced by the NTS Research and Evidence Group will be shared with NTS Working Groups and made publically available at the end of this year.

### **Strategic Framework**

- The Strategic Framework group is in the process of developing the NTS vision and objectives (currently at version 0.3 which will be referred to at the National Transport Event on Tuesday 7th November), with a view to finalising these in December 2017. Working versions have been shared with the NTS Review Board, Partnership Group and with internal stakeholders and feedback has helped to shape the current version.
- The Strategic Framework group will meet for the fifth time on Wednesday 29th November to refine the current framework and develop the first draft of the vision. These updates will then be circulated to the Reference Group, Partnership Group and Working Groups for their review and comment.

### **Scenario Modelling**

- In late October, Transport Scotland commissioned a consultant to assist with scenario modelling work and workshops will be set up with Transport Scotland colleagues to help the consultant gain further understanding of the work involved.
- Professor Glenn Lyons is likely to assist the consultant to develop the tool that is expected to shape strategic outcomes, establish priorities and test the range of policy suggestions from Working Groups. The development of the scenario modelling tool will last around six months, followed by options testing. The consultant has requested input from members of the Strategic Framework Working Group over the course of the project.

### **Partnership and Working Groups**

- Three support groups have been convened to assist in the progress of the NTS Review:
  - NTS Review Reference Group
  - NTS Review Scottish Government Advisory Group
  - NTS Review Partnership Group
- The following lists show the members of each group, as of November 2017.

#### **1. NTS Review Reference Group**

- An internal Transport Scotland group whose purpose is to seek policy lead input on the review from across the organisation, it draws in senior representatives from across the organisation and all transport modes including Sustainable and Active Travel Unit, Rail Policy, Aviation, Maritime, Freight and Canals, Trunk Roads and Bus Operations and the Major Transport Infrastructure Projects directorate.

<b>Organisation</b>
Transport Scotland – Sustainable and Active Travel
Transport Scotland – Trunk Road and Bus Operations
Transport Scotland – Rail Directorate
Transport Scotland – NTS Review Project Team

Transport Scotland – Bus and Local Transport Policy
Transport Scotland – NTS Review Project Team
Transport Scotland – Aviation, Maritime, Freight and Canals
Transport Scotland – Rail Policy
Transport Scotland – Trunk Road and Bus Operations
Transport Scotland – Trunk Road and Bus Operations
Transport Scotland – Major Transport Infrastructure Projects
Transport Scotland – Major Transport Infrastructure Projects
Transport Scotland – NTS Review Project Team
Transport Scotland – Finance, Corporate and Analytical Services
Transport Scotland – Rail Directorate
Transport Scotland – Aviation, Maritime, Freight and Canals
Transport Scotland – NTS Review Project Team
Transport Scotland – Finance, Corporate and Analytical Services
Transport Scotland – Sustainable Transport Unit
Transport Scotland – Aviation, Maritime, Freight and Canals
Transport Scotland – Trunk Road and Bus Operations
Transport Scotland – Communications

## 2. NTS Review Scottish Government Advisory Group

- This group manages policy interdependencies with the review across the Scottish Government. It draws in representatives from areas including broadband policy, community planning and empowerment, energy deployment, health and social care integration, local government policy, spatial planning including national planning policy, local economic development, region and city deal teams, rural economy and communities policy and tourism.

<b>Organisation</b>
Broadband Policy
Community Planning and Community Empowerment
Connectivity, Economy & Data
Energy Deployment
FCAS Transport Social Research
FCAS Transport Social Research
Head of the Energy and Climate Change Project Unit
Health & Social Care Integration
Health & Social Care Integration
Local Economic Development
Local Government Policy and Relationships
National Planning Policy
National Planning Policy
OCEA
Region and City Partnership
Region and City Partnerships
Rural Economy and Communities
Rural Economy and Communities
Spatial Planning, Policy and Environment
Tourism Policy

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Transport Scotland - NTS Review Project Team
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### 3. NTS Review Partnership Group

- An external strategic stakeholder group co-chaired by Transport Scotland and CoSLA. The group is non-modal, but there is modal representation on the thematic working groups according to remit. The following is a list of organisations represented on the NTS Review Partnership Group.

Organisation
Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (CoSLA) [co-chair]
Transport Scotland - NTS Review Project Team [co-chair]
Age Scotland
Confederation of British Industry (CBI) Scotland
Chartered Institution of Highways & Transportation (CIHT)
Citizens Advice Scotland
Community Transport Association
Freight Trade Association
Highlands and Islands Transport (HITRANS))
Mobility & Access Committee for Scotland
NHS
Rural Parliament via Scottish Rural Action
Scottish Chamber of Commerce
Scottish Cities Alliance
Scottish Council for Development and Industry
Scottish Local Government Partnership
Scottish Trades Union Congress
Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland (SCOTS)
Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT)
Transform Scotland
Transport Focus
Transport Scotland - NTS Review Project Team
Transport Scotland - NTS Review Project Team
Transport Scotland - NTS Review Project Team
Transport Scotland - Technical Analysis
Transport Scotland - Research/Analytics
Visit Scotland
Young Scot

### 4. Working Groups

- Three **Functional** groups are helping to deliver the fundamental building blocks for the review process: Research and Evidence; the Strategic Framework group; and the review of Transport Roles and Responsibilities.

- Four **Thematic** groups are addressing wider facets of the review under the themes; Enabling Economic Growth, Tackling Inequality, Greener & Healthier and Delivering Safe and Resilient Transport.
- All Thematic groups met for the first time in August and September 2017 and the second meetings are being convened in November and December 2017. All meetings are chaired (or co-chaired) by external parties with at least one member of the NTS Review team listed as a member for each group.
- Chairs/co-chairs are able to invite additional members to their Working Groups as required but overall numbers should be kept at a manageable level. Guest speakers can also be invited to deliver presentations on subjects relevant to the group's discussion.

### **Functional Working Groups**

<b>Working Group</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Research Evidence and	University of Leeds <b>[chair]</b>
	University of the West of England
	Transport Research Institute, Edinburgh Napier University
	Centre for Transport Research, University of Aberdeen
	Transport Scotland
Strategic Framework	Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland (SCOTS) <b>[co-chair]</b>
	Transport Scotland <b>[co-chair]</b>
	Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (CoSLA)
	RTP – Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT)
	University of Leeds
Transport Roles and Responsibilities	Transport Scotland <b>[co-chair]</b>
	Solace <b>[co-chair]</b>
	Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (CoSLA)
	Scottish Local Government Partnership (SLGP)
	Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland (SCOTS)
	RTP – Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT)
	Heads of Planning Scotland
	Scottish Government Planning and Architecture
	Clydeplan
	Scottish Government Public Sector Reform
	Scottish Government Enterprise and Cities
	Sustrans
	Enterprise and Skills

### **Thematic Working Groups**

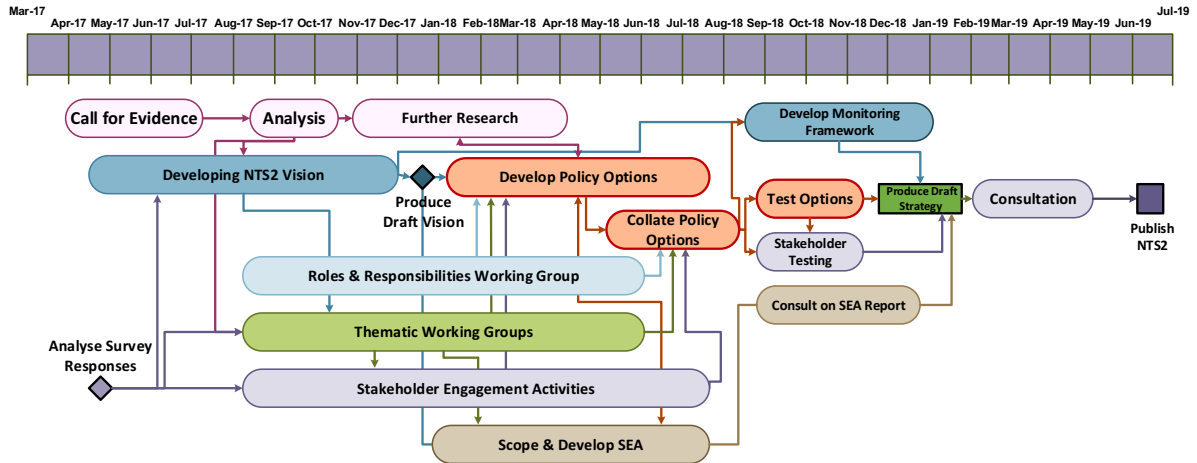
<b>Working Group</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Greener Healthier and	Transport Scotland <b>[co-chair]</b>
	Scottish Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association <b>[co-chair]</b>
	Aberdeen City Council
	Caledonian MacBrayne
	Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (CoSLA)
	Dundee City Council
	Friends of the Earth
	NHS Health Scotland

Working Group	Organisation
	Paths for All
	RTP – Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT)
	ScotRail
	Scottish Government Energy and Climate Change
	Scottish Government Health
	SEPA
	Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland (SCOTS)
	Stop the Climate Chaos Scotland
	Transform Scotland
	Transport Scotland - ChargePlace Scotland
	WH Malcolm
	World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)
Enabling Economic Growth	Freight Transport Association (FTA) <b>[co-chair]</b>
	Scottish Council for Development and Industry (SCDI) <b>[co-chair]</b>
	Airport Operators Association
	British Ports Association
	Chamber of Shipping
	Confederation of British Industry (CBI) Scotland
	Confederation of Passenger Transport UK (CPT)
	Rail Delivery Group
	RTP – South East Scotland Transport (SESTran)
	Scottish Food & Drink Federation (SFDF)
	Scottish Local Authorities Economic Development Group
	Scottish MaaS Alliance
	Scottish Rural Action
	Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland (SCOTS)
	Solace
	Timber Transport Forum
	Transport Focus
	Transport Scotland – ITS
Transport Scotland – Smart Ticketing	
VisitScotland	
Tackling Inequality	RTP – HITRANS <b>[co-chair]</b>
	Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland (MACS) <b>[co-chair]</b>
	Age Scotland
	Bus Users Scotland
	Caledonian MacBrayne
	Citizens Advice Scotland
	Community Transport Association
	Glasgow Centre for Population Health
	Scottish Trades Union Congress (STUC)
	Solace/Scottish Cities Alliance
	Transport Scotland
	Transport Scotland – Accessibility and Road Travel
Young Scot	
Delivering Safe and Resilient Transport	Chartered Institution of Highways & Transportation (CIHT) <b>[co-chair]</b>
	Transport Scotland/Scottish Government <b>[co-chair]</b>
	Airport Operators Association
	British Transport Police
Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd	

Working Group	Organisation
	Confederation of Passenger Transport UK (CPT)
	Freight Transport Association (FTA)
	Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE)
	Network Rail
	Office of the Road Works Commissioner
	Police Scotland
	Rail Freight Group
	Road Haulage Association
	RTP – North East Scotland Transport (Nestrans)
	Scottish Ambulance Services
	Scottish Fire Services
	Scottish Government Cyber Security
	Scottish Government Resilience Team
	Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland (SCOTS)
	Sustrans



## NTS Review timeline



## RISK REGISTER

### RTS Delivery

Impact - Positive

Comment – RTP input to the NTS process and the co-production approach that Transport Scotland have given to the work facilitates an opportunity to provide a link from the refreshed RTS of the NTS development process.

### Policy

Impact - Positive

Comment – The NTS will give greater consideration to key policy areas for HITRANS including aviation than has been the case in earlier NTS development and the light touch refresh completed in 2016.

### Financial

Impact – Positive

Comment – The Roles and responsibilities work associate with the NTS will consider transport governance and offers an opportunity for Government (both local and national) to assert the opportunity that RTPs offer as accountable bodies with a statutory foundation and where relevant to develop them for greater regional delivery of transport services and functions.

### Equality

Impact – positive

Comment – The NTS will link to the Equality Act and offers an opportunity to support the implementation of measures related to the Accessible Travel Framework and to ensure that organisations involved in the delivery of transport services and functions reflect gender and equality duties.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to note the report.

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