

## STPR2 Consultation

### **Overview**

This consultation is on the draft second Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR2), which sets out draft transport recommendations for the next 20 years. STPR2 is one of the mechanisms for delivering the Vision, Priorities and Outcomes of the second National Transport Strategy (NTS2). It is an important tool for achieving the Government's commitment to 20% reduction in vehicle kilometres by 2030 and contributing to Scotland's net zero greenhouse gas emissions target by 2045. Also, addressing inequalities, improving health and wellbeing and contributing to inclusive economic growth.

### **Questionnaire:**

#### **STPR2 Process**

**Q1.** Were you aware of STPR2 prior to this consultation?

Yes  No  Don't Know / No Opinion

**Q2.** To what extent do you agree or disagree that the STPR2 process reflects the NTS2 Priorities and Outcomes?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Don't Know / No Opinion

**Q3.** Please provide any further comments you have in relation to the STPR2

process:

**Q4.** To what extent do you agree or disagree that it was correct to take both a Regional and National approach to STPR2?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Don't Know / No Opinion

**Q5.** Please provide any further comments:

See **Section 9** of attached **FoFNL Response**.

**Q6.** To what extent do you agree or disagree that the engagement process has allowed you to provide a contribution to STPR2?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Don't Know / No Opinion

**Q7.** Please provide any further comments you have on the engagement carried out throughout STPR2.

## **Key Themes**

STPR2 recommendations are grouped under six key themes:

1. Improving active travel infrastructure
2. Influencing travel choices and behaviours
3. Enhancing access to affordable public transport
4. Decarbonising transport
5. Increasing safety and resilience on the strategic transport network
6. Strengthening strategic connections

**Q8.** Which of the overall key themes is your / your organisation's **top priority**?

- 1. Improving active travel infrastructure
- 2. Influencing travel choices and behaviours
- 3. Enhancing access to affordable public transport
- 4. Decarbonising transport
- 5. Increasing safety and resilience on the strategic transport network
- 6. Strengthening strategic connections
- Don't Know / No Opinion

**Q9.** Which of the overall key themes is your / your organisation's **lowest priority**?

- 1. Improving active travel infrastructure
- 2. Influencing travel choices and behaviours
- 3. Enhancing access to affordable public transport
- 4. Decarbonising transport
- 5. Increasing safety and resilience on the strategic transport network
- 6. Strengthening strategic connections
- Don't Know / No Opinion

FoFNL's answer to **Q8** is the closest option to our actual top priority - see Section 1 of attached **FoFNL Response**.

## **STPR2 Key Themes and Recommendations**

### **A. Improving Active Travel Infrastructure**

**Q10.** To what extent do you agree or disagree that the recommendations under this theme will contribute to Improving Active Travel Infrastructure?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know / No Opinion
Recommendations (1-5):						
1. Connected neighbourhoods		✓				
2. Active freeways		✓				
3. Village-town active travel connections		✓				
4. Connecting towns by active travel		✓				
5. Long distance active travel network		✓				

**Q11.** Which of these recommendations would you prioritise to contribute to Improving Active Travel Infrastructure?

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Do not support this recommendation	Don't Know / No Opinion
Recommendations (1-5):					
1. Connected neighbourhoods		✓			
2. Active freeways					✓
3. Village-town active travel connections		✓			
4. Connecting towns by active travel					✓
5. Long distance active travel network					✓

**Q12.** Do the recommendations under this theme address the transport needs of your local or regional area or the people your organisation represents?

Yes  No  Don't Know / No Opinion

**Q13.** Please provide any additional comments you have on the theme Improving Active Travel Infrastructure and the recommendations within it.

In the Highlands, railway stations are often a significant distance away from the centres of population and new developments. The provision of dedicated cycle/pedestrian routes to the stations, combined with safe storage for bikes, would encourage modal shift away from the private car.

## 2. Influencing Travel Choices and Behaviours

**Q14.** To what extent do you agree or disagree that the recommendations under this theme contribute to Influencing Travel Choices and Behaviours?

Recommendations (6-10):	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know / No Opinion
6. Behaviour change initiatives						✓
7. Changing road user behaviour						✓
8. Increasing active travel to school						✓
9. Improving access to bikes						✓
10. Expansion of 20mph limits and zones						✓

**Q15.** Which of these recommendations would you prioritise to contribute to Influencing Travel Choices and Behaviours?

Recommendations (6-10):	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Do not support this recommendation	Don't Know / No Opinion
6. Behavioural change initiatives	✓				
7. Changing road user behaviour					✓
8. Increasing active travel to school					✓
9. Improving access to bikes					✓
10. Expansion of 20mph limits and zones					✓

**Q16.** Do the recommendations under this theme address the transport needs of your local or regional area or the people your organisation represents?

Yes  No  Don't Know / No Opinion

Although we have given 'No' for this section, behavioural change is obviously vital and needs to be stimulated by every means possible. STPR2 suggests that a range of initiatives should be used to encourage behavioural change. Those will not work if the infrastructure is inadequate. See Sections 5 & 8 of attached **FoFNL Response**.

**Q17.** Please provide any additional comments you have on the theme Influencing Travel Choices and Behaviours and the recommendations within it.

### 3. Enhancing Access to Affordable Public Transport

**Q18.** To what extent do you agree or disagree that the recommendations under this theme contribute to Enhancing Access to Affordable Public Transport

Recommendations (11-23):	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know / No Opinion
11. Clyde Metro		✓				
12. Edinburgh & South East Scotland Mass Transit		✓				
13. Aberdeen Rapid Transit		✓				
14. Provision of strategic bus priority measures		✓				
15. Highland Mainline rail corridor enhancements	✓					
16. Perth-Dundee-Aberdeen rail corridor enhancement		✓				
17. Edinburgh/Glasgow – Perth/Dundee rail corridor enhancement		✓				
18. Supporting integrated journeys at ferry terminals		✓				
19. Infrastructure to provide access for all at railway stations		✓				
20. Investment in DRT and MaaS		✓				
21. Improved public transport passenger interchange facilities		✓				
22. Framework for delivery of mobility hubs		✓				
23. Smart, integrated public transport ticketing		✓				

**Q19.** Which of these recommendations would you prioritise to contribute to Enhancing Access to Affordable Public Transport?

Recommendations (11-23):	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Do not support this recommendation	Don't Know / No Opinion
11. Clyde Metro					✓
12. Edinburgh & South East Scotland Mass					✓

Transit					
13. Aberdeen Rapid Transit					✓
14. Provision of strategic bus priority measures		✓			
15. Highland Mainline rail corridor enhancements	✓				
16. Perth-Dundee-Aberdeen rail corridor enhancement					✓
17. Edinburgh/Glasgow – Perth/Dundee rail corridor enhancement					✓
18. Supporting integrated journeys at ferry terminals	✓				
19. Infrastructure to provide access for all at railway stations		✓			
20. Investment in DRT and MaaS	✓				
21. Improved public transport passenger interchange facilities	✓				
22. Framework for delivery of mobility hubs		✓			
23. Smart, integrated public transport ticketing	✓				

**Q20.** Do the recommendations under this theme address the transport needs of your local or regional area or the people your organisation represents?

Yes  No  Don't Know / No Opinion

**Q21.** Please provide any additional comments you have on the theme Enhancing Access to Affordable Public Transport and the recommendations within it

Although we have answered 'Yes' we do not wish to give the impression that the items listed address all the transport needs of our area. See Sections 4 & 5 of attached **FoFNL Response**.

Also integrated bus and rail provision is required, this is not currently addressed while bus operations remain deregulated.

#### **4. Decarbonising Transport**

**Q22.** To what extent do you agree or disagree that the recommendations under this theme contribute to Decarbonising Transport ?

Recommendations (24-28):	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know / No Opinion
24. Ferry vessel renewal and replacement and decarbonisation	✓					
25. Rail decarbonisation	✓					
26. Decarbonisation of bus network	✓					
27. Behaviour change and modal shift for freight	✓					
28. Zero emissions vehicles and infrastructure transition		✓				

**Q23.** Which of these recommendations would you prioritise to contribute to Decarbonising Transport?

Recommendations (24-28):	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Do not support this recommendation	Don't Know / No Opinion
24. Ferry vessel renewal and replacement and decarbonisation		✓			
25. Rail decarbonisation	✓				



26. Decarbonisation of bus network	✓				
27. Behaviour change and modal shift for freight	✓				
28. Zero emissions vehicles and infrastructure transition		✓			

**Q24.** Do the recommendations under this theme address the transport needs of your local or regional area or the people your organisation represents?

Yes ✓    No     Don't Know / No Opinion

**Q25.** Please provide any additional comments you have on the theme Decarbonising Transport and the recommendations within it

Overhead electrification of as much of the system as possible must be a priority. Battery and hydrogen power are very much a 'second best' solution as their efficiency in terms of total use of electricity is much lower. At the present time the outlook for the development of battery/hydrogen freight locomotives looks problematic.

## **5. Increasing Safety and Resilience on the Strategic Transport Network**

**Q26.** To what extent do you agree or disagree that the recommendations under this theme contribute to Increasing Safety and Resilience on the Strategic Transport Network?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know / No Opinion
Recommendations (29-38):						
29. Access to Argyll A83						✓
30. Trunk road and motorway safety Improvements						✓
31. Trunk road and motorway network climate change adaption and resilience						✓
32. Trunk road and motorway network renewal for reliability, resilience and safety						✓
33, 34, 35 Enhancing Intelligent Transport Systems						✓
36. Strategy for improving rest and welfare facilities for hauliers						✓
37. Improving active travel on trunk roads through communities						✓
38. Speed management plan						✓

**Q27.** Which of these recommendations would you prioritise to contribute to Increasing Safety and Resilience on the Strategic Transport Network?

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Do not support this recommendation	Don't Know / No Opinion
Recommendations (29-38):					
29. Access to Argyll A83					✓
30. Trunk road and motorway safety Improvements					✓
31. Trunk road and motorway network climate change adaption and resilience					✓
32. Trunk road and motorway network renewal for reliability, resilience and safety					✓
33, 34, 35 Enhancing Intelligent Transport Systems					✓
36. Strategy for improving rest and welfare facilities for hauliers					✓
37. Improving active travel on trunk roads through communities					✓
38. Speed management plan					✓

**Q28.** Do the recommendations under this theme address the transport needs of your local or regional area or the people your organisation represents?

Yes  No  Don't Know / No Opinion

**Q29.** Please provide any additional comments you have on the theme Increasing Safety and Resilience on the Strategic Transport Network and the recommendations within it

Although FoFNL makes no detailed comments on general road issues, well maintained and safe roads are clearly essential. Therefore, we advocate spending on maintenance and safety improvements to the existing system but do not agree with major dualling projects, as available transport funds need to be directed towards providing the capacity for modal shift. Once the 20% reduction in car kilometres, and the resulting 100% increase in rail use have taken place, major road schemes may no longer be deemed necessary.

## 6. Strengthening Strategic Connections

**Q30.** To what extent do you agree or disagree that the recommendations under this theme contribute to Strengthening Strategic Connections?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know / No Opinion
Recommendations (39-45):						
39. Sustainable access to Grangemouth Investment Zone		✓				
40. Access to Stranraer and ports at Cairnryan		✓				
41. Potential fixed links in Outer Hebrides and Mull		✓				
42. Investment in port infrastructure		✓				
43. Major station masterplans		✓				
44. Rail freight terminals		✓				
45. High speed and cross Border rail enhancements		✓				

**Q31.** Which of these recommendations would you prioritise to contribute to Strengthening Strategic Connections?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know / No Opinion
Recommendations (39-45):						
39. Sustainable access to Grangemouth Investment Zone	✓					
40. Access to Stranraer and ports at Cairnryan	✓					
41. Potential fixed links in Outer Hebrides and Mull						✓
42. Investment in port infrastructure						✓
43. Major station masterplans	✓					
44. Rail freight terminals	✓					
45. High speed and cross Border rail enhancements		✓				

**Q32.** Do the recommendations under this theme address the transport needs of your local or regional area or the people your organisation represents?

Yes ✓    No     Don't Know / No Opinion

**Q33.** Please provide any additional comments you have on the theme Strengthening Strategic Connections and the recommendations within it

Several of FoFNL's aspirations involve strengthening strategic connections. See Section 7 of attached **FoFNL Response**.

## **STPR2 RECOMMENDATIONS AND OTHER SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT POLICY**

STPR2 recommendations aim to contribute to five key objectives that are consistent across Scottish Government Policy. These are:

- takes climate action
- addressing inequalities & accessibility
- improving health & wellbeing
- supporting sustainable and inclusive economic growth
- improving safety & resilience

This ensures that STPR2 recommendations:

- align with relevant Scottish Government policy, delivery and investment plans in order to help deliver their priorities
- help to deliver the priorities set out in the National Transport Strategy (NTS2) and its Delivery Plan
- meets the transport planning objectives and stated purpose of STPR2 (as identified by the STPR2 development process)

**Q34.** Prior to this consultation were you aware of the list of Scottish Government policies below, which STPR2 aligns with and supports?

	Yes	No	Don't Know / No opinion
Take action against climate change	✓		
Decarbonising transport	✓		
Reducing car use	✓		
Encouraging greater walking, wheeling and cycling	✓		
Addressing inequalities, such as:			
● Child poverty	✓		
● Affordability of transport	✓		
● Access to transport	✓		
Transport as an enabler of inclusive economic growth	✓		
Providing a safe transport system	✓		
Providing a reliable and resilient transport system	✓		

**Q35.** Prior to this consultation were you aware of the Scottish Government policy documents to which STPR2 aligns with and supports?

	Yes	No	Don't Know / No opinion
National Transport Strategy 2 (NTS2)	✓		
National Planning Framework (NPF4)	✓		
Climate Change Plan Update & Route Map	✓		
Infrastructure Investment Plan	✓		
Just Transition	✓		
Cleaner Air for Scotland 2 & Delivery Plan	✓		
National Performance Framework	✓		

**Q36.** To what extent do you agree or disagree that the STPR2 recommendations reflect and will contribute to the aims of government policy?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Don't Know / No Opinion

**Q37.** Please provide any additional comments you have on the STPR2

recommendations' contribution to Government policy?

## **Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) & Other Impact Assessments**

A statutory Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) ensures the potential impact of transport projects on the environment are considered by STPR2. Other impact assessments, which have been undertaken to review how STPR2 can have a positive impact on groups in society as part of STPR2, are listed below:

- The Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)
- Equality Impact Assessment
- Island Communities Impact Assessment
- Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment
- Child Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment

### **The Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)**

**Q38.** To what extent do you agree or disagree with the overall findings of the SEA?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Don't Know / No Opinion

**Q39.** The SEA has reviewed plans, policies and programmes relevant to STPR2. Are there any others that should be considered?

Yes  No  Don't Know / No Opinion

If Yes is selected, please provide details here:

**Q40.** The SEA sets out the current national and regional baseline environment conditions and future trends. Do you have any comments on this baseline data?

If Yes is selected, please provide details here:

Yes  No  Don't Know / No Opinion

**Q41.** Are there any particular issues, problems or opportunities you would like to mention that have not been captured within the SEA?

If Yes is selected, please provide details here:

Yes     No     Don't Know / No Opinion

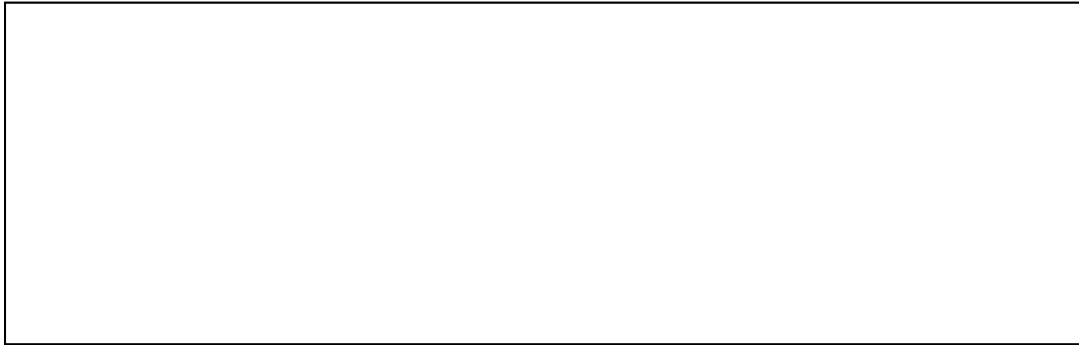
**Other Impact Assessments**

**Q42.** Please provide any comments on the findings of the **Equality Impact Assessment**

**Q43.** Please provide any comments on the findings of the **Island Communities Impact Assessment**



**Q44.** Please provide any comments on the findings of the **Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment**

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**Q45.** Please provide any comments on the **Child Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment**

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## SECOND STRATEGIC TRANSPORT PROJECTS REVIEW (STPR2)

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