

National Transport Strategy – early engagement survey

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1** Transport Scotland have issued an early engagement survey seeking opinions on transport policy at all levels in the context of the development of a National Transport Strategy 2 by Scottish Ministers as outlined in the Programme for Government 2016-17.

2. Early Engagement Survey

- 2.1** As part of the development of a new National Transport Strategy (NTS2) Transport Scotland have issued an early engagement survey which is open to responses until 31 March 2017. It is proposed that SEStran will agree a response at its 2 March Board meeting and that this should be informed by comments from all consultative forums and groups.
- 2.2** The review of the NTS will set out an updated vision for transport for the whole of Scotland in 20 years' time and outline a plan to achieve this vision. The NTS2 will also look at how we can successfully address the strategic challenges facing our transport network and how we can make the most of the opportunities that present themselves. Transport Scotland has committed to delivering a collaborative review of the National Transport Strategy (NTS), by giving individuals and communities across Scotland a greater say in influencing the development of transport policy at local, regional and national level. As such, they are keen to gather your views at an early stage to help us shape the key themes of the NTS review.
- 2.3** Transport Scotland have stated that following the early engagement survey, there will be a wider programme of national engagement beginning in Summer 2017 ahead of a full public consultation. A link to the early engagement survey can be found here: <http://www.transport.gov.scot/news/have-your-say-scotland%E2%80%99s-national-transport-strategy> and a copy of the consultation questions are outlined in the appendix to this report for information.

3. CONCLUSION/RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1** The paper seeks to invite comment on the pre-engagement survey, which will be incorporated as appropriate into the final report to the Board in early March and the initial issues highlighted for further discussion at the meeting within the paper.

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Appendix 1 – List of Consultation Questions

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1. Have you used, or referred to, the 2006 National Transport Strategy (NTS)?
2. When did you use it and did it meet your requirements? What, if anything, would you change about how the 2006 NTS is presented?
3. The current strategy sets out three outcomes: improved journey times and connections; reduced emissions; improved quality, accessibility and affordability. Do you think each of these will still be relevant over the next 20 years?
4. If not, what strategic outcomes should transport be trying to achieve?
5. If there was one thing that needs to change substantially now in transport, what would that be?
6. What do you think the main transport challenges and opportunities will be over the next twenty years?
7. How would you like us to engage with you during the development of the future strategy that will lead to a formal public consultation?