The Future of the Scottish Trunk Road Network

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Gross Net Value of £21 billion

Carries 35% of all traffic

1918 Bridges/Footbridges

60% of heavy goods vehicles

2370 other structures

3357 km (2098 miles) including slip roads & roundabouts
Key Scottish Government Policies and Strategies

• Climate Change Emergency
• Active Travel
• Road Safety Casualty Reduction
• Air Quality
• Sustainable Economic Growth - including supporting sectors like Food & Drink, Tourism etc
• Equality
What My Directorate Covers

- Environmental Assessment
- Air Quality/LEZ’s
- ITS including Traffic Scotland & CAAV
- Resilience including winter maintenance
- Roads Policy (Transport Bill)
- Trunk Road Maintenance and operation
- Road Safety
  - Engineering
  - Enforcement
  - Education
  - Encouragement
- Development Management
- Supporting major events ie. Solheim Cup, UEFA 2020 etc
Existing Key Challenges

- Funding constraints and competition between sectors
- Ageing network
- Network Resilience
- Meeting road user expectations
Future Key Challenges and Opportunities

- Technology (Disruptor)
- Climate Change/Air Quality
- Continual growth in use of the trunk road network
- Customer Engagement
- Finance
NTS/STRP2

Promotes Equality
Will provide fair access to services we need
Will be easy to use for all
Will be affordable for all

Takes Climate Action
Will adapt to the effects of climate change
Will help deliver our net-zero target
Will promote greener, cleaner choices

Helps our Economy Prosper
Will get us where we need to get to
Will be reliable, efficient and high quality
Will use beneficial innovation

Improves our Health and Wellbeing
Will enable us to make healthy travel choices
Will help make our communities great places to live
Will be safe and secure for all

We will have a sustainable, inclusive and accessible transport system helping to deliver a healthier, fairer and more prosperous Scotland for communities, businesses and visitors.
Which brings us back to the Scottish Government’s biggest asset…

The Trunk Road Network
The Road Asset Management Plan for Scottish Trunk Roads

- Approach to asset management aims to deliver the best possible service with budget available.
- We listen to our customers and monitor our own performance.
- Can demonstrate the budget we require and the effect it has on condition.
- Maintenance is prioritised based on need and optimum intervention times.
- The importance of the trunk road network means that resilience is critical.
ANY QUESTIONS?