

**Annex A – Extracts from Internal Communications in relation to the  
A96 Dualling Inverness to Aberdeen**

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**Sent:** 25 November 2020 15:21

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**Subject:** RE: Capital and Infrastructure - Low Carbon Fund and Priority Capital projects - next steps and actions - deadline 20 November

[Redacted]

I would also update on the A96 dualling that we are now planning an announcement of the preferred route for the section east of Huntly so would be grateful for any indication about whether that is also likely to receive consideration, particularly in light of the significant funding announcements in the latest UK Infrastructure Strategy document published today.

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**Extracts from emails dated 19 November 2020 and 20 November 2020**

**From:** Graham A (Alasdair) <Alasdair.Graham@transport.gov.scot>  
**Sent:** 20 November 2020 17:20  
**To:** Shedden L (Lee) (TRANS) <Lee.Shedden@transport.gov.scot>; [Redacted]  
**Cc:** Irvine A (Alison) <Alison.Irvine@transport.gov.scot>; [Redacted] Chief Executive Transport Scotland <ceo@transport.gov.scot>; [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: IIP Project / Programme Update Reports - A96 Dualling

Hi [Redacted]

The following line has been agreed with Roy for inclusion in the IIP Programme Update report:

- The Scottish Government is committed to dualling the A96 between Inverness and Aberdeen. Delivery of each section of the dualling programme can only commence if it is approved under the relevant statutory procedures and thereafter a timetable for its progress can be set.

Grateful if you could let me know what the planned timescale for publication is as we will need to get a handling plan up to and agreed with Mr Matheson in advance of publication.

Regards

Alasdair

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**From:** Shedden L (Lee) (TRANS)  
**Sent:** 19 November 2020 14:57  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** Irvine A (Alison) ; [Redacted] Chief Executive Transport Scotland ; Graham A (Alasdair) ; [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: IIP Project / Programme Update Reports - A96 Dualling

[Redacted]

[Redacted] I have copied to others to consider how we may best handle the communication of these issues.

Lee

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 19 November 2020 10:38  
**To:** Shedden L (Lee) (TRANS) <Lee.Shedden@transport.gov.scot>  
**Cc:** Irvine A (Alison) <Alison.Irvine@transport.gov.scot>; [Redacted]  
**Subject:** IIP Project / Programme Update Reports - A96 Dualling

Hi Lee,

I have been asked to check with you on the A96 Dual carriageway inclusion within the IIP Programme Pipeline Update and the following timeline included within the 'Programme Delivery Timetable' column.

***The Scottish Government has committed to completing the programme by 2030***

[Redacted]

Note that the IIP reports have been held up due to further discussions around presentation but we hope to publish them soon and provide to PAPLS Committee thereafter.

Regards

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**Sent:** 14 January 2021 15:34

**To:** Shedden L (Lee) (TRANS) <[Lee.Shedden@transport.gov.scot](mailto:Lee.Shedden@transport.gov.scot)>

**Cc:** Chief Executive Transport Scotland <[ceo@transport.gov.scot](mailto:ceo@transport.gov.scot)>; Rennie M (Michelle) <[Michelle.Rennie@gov.scot](mailto:Michelle.Rennie@gov.scot)>; [Redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Infrastructure Investment Plan: Programme / Project Annex - for review and updating

Hi Lee

With reference to the emails below I have updated the IIP Annex with tracked changes and comments from Major Projects.

[Redacted]

During [Redacted] discussion with [Redacted] she indicated that this isn't the final version of the Annex and further discussions are to be held with Rachel Gwyon in the coming days. [Redacted] advised that further footnotes and caveats are planned to be added (like I have added in tracked changes) to the draft but felt Rachel will push back on removal of CSR figures given portfolio allocation of funding in CSR has been allocated.

Michelle has seen as is content with the changes/comments.

Alasdair

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 12 January 2021 15:02  
**To:** [Redacted] ; Shedden L (Lee) (TRANS) <[Lee.Shedden@transport.gov.scot](mailto:Lee.Shedden@transport.gov.scot)>; [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Infrastructure Investment Plan: Programme / Project Annex - for review and updating

Dear All,

Please find the attached link to the latest version of the Programme / Project Annex to be included within the final version of the Infrastructure Investment Plan which is planned to be published following the Budget.

'Final IIP - Projects and Programmes Annex - 090121' -

**Can I ask you all to review the Annex for your interest and to update the document directly where applicable, confirming the information requested / queries highlighted within those Comment notes emphasised by the relevant associated Sectors / Portfolios.**

We would appreciate if you could complete this by COP Thursday 14 January.

If you have any queries, please direct them in the first instance to [Redacted] and copy me in.

Thanking you for your assistance with this.

Regards

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**Extracts from emails 18 January 2021 to 22 January 2021**

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**Sent:** 22 January 2021 12:38  
**To:** Gwyon R (Rachel) <[Rachel.Gwyon@gov.scot](mailto:Rachel.Gwyon@gov.scot)>; Chief Executive Transport Scotland <[ceo@transport.gov.scot](mailto:ceo@transport.gov.scot)>  
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**Subject:** RE: TIC capital lines - [Redacted] A96

Hi Rachel

I have agreed with Roy that we will treat the continuation [Redacted]. For transparency we will reflect this in the AO Budget Assurance that Roy intends to submit to Mr Matheson in line with [Redacted] commission yesterday.

Hopefully this helps.

Lee

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**To:** Chief Executive Transport Scotland <[ceo@transport.gov.scot](mailto:ceo@transport.gov.scot)>  
**Cc:** Rennie M (Michelle) <[Michelle.Rennie@gov.scot](mailto:Michelle.Rennie@gov.scot)>; Graham A (Alasdair) <[Alasdair.Graham@transport.gov.scot](mailto:Alasdair.Graham@transport.gov.scot)>; [Redacted]; Gwyon R (Rachel) <[Rachel.Gwyon@gov.scot](mailto:Rachel.Gwyon@gov.scot)>; [Redacted]  
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Roy

If [Redacted] and [Redacted] are in agreement I would suggest that we proceed on the basis of anticipating additional funding of £15 million next year and in each of the future years of the CSR. We are already aware that there is likely to be slippage next year of sufficient magnitude to cover this. [Redacted] However I believe that there is sufficient scope within the overall amount allocated to the level four budget for capital land and works next year for this [Redacted].

If you are content with this approach it would be worth including in the AO budget assurance template drafted for Mr Matheson.

Lee

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Rachel

Mr Matheson wants to re-visit this due to the handling issues that it would cause. He appreciates the risks in relation to managing the CSR but wishes this to be prioritised.

[Redacted]

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Hi Lee

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know. Alasdair

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