

Draft Minutes for Minister for Transport A9 Road Safety Stakeholder Meeting –  
12 October 2022

**Attendees**

Minister For Transport - redacted 11(2)

Deputy Private Secretary to the Minister for Transport – redacted 11(2)

Police Scotland, Roads Policing Inspector for Highlands and Islands – redacted 11(2)  
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Transport Scotland, Road Safety Manager – redacted 11(2)

The Highland Council, Road Safety Technician – redacted 11(2)

BEAR Scotland, Road Safety Engineer – redacted 11(2))

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1. Welcome extended to all attendees from Minister for Transport. Minister is keen to do more for road safety and keen to gain stakeholders' views on what more the Scottish Government can do.

Points discussed:

- Recognition that previous two years have been atypical due to Covid and there may be a lack of experience in driving amongst the public.
- Engineering interventions, such as signing, can be considered but education and encouragement is also important.
- Minister will chair upcoming A9 Safety Group Meeting to be organised for the coming weeks (**Action – Transport Scotland**)

2. Details on Recent A9 Accidents redacted 11(2) )

Points discussed:

- 2022 has been incredibly challenging and the number of multi-fatality accidents on the A9 and more widely in the Highlands is unprecedented.
- Four fatal accidents have occurred on the A9 between Perth and Inverness within the Highlands and Islands Road Policing area, which have led to eight fatalities (*note that the fatal accident on 12 October north of Ralia occurred after this meeting*).
- None of the accidents on the A9 were attributable in any way to the layout or condition of the road.
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- The causation for the fourth, although caused by an redacted 11(2), is not unlike accidents involving redacted 11(2) turning right.
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redacted 11(2) The benefits of 'visitor management' were discussed such that

tourists arriving into Scotland and hiring cars, motorhomes etc. were aware of key messages around 'drive on the left'. Campaigns had been carried out on this previously.

- Options to work with car hire firms and airports to be considered (**Action – Transport Scotland**).

### 3. **Wrap Up & Actions Arising**

- Actions as noted above.

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