

## A83 TRUNK ROAD ISSUES

---

### 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides Members with an update on the A83 Rest and Be Thankful diversion and the potential pedestrian crossing point at Tarbert.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Committee notes this report.

### 3. DETAIL

3.1 A83 Rest and Be Thankful:-

3.1.1 Following the last report presented to the February Area Committee by Jacobs, a meeting of the A83 Taskforce took place later in the same month. It was confirmed at the meeting that a successful convoy operation had taken place along the Emergency Diversion Route (Old Military Road).

3.1.2 Jacobs 'A83 Trunk Road Route Study' Report is available on the Transport Scotland web site. All stakeholders were invited to provide comment on their report whilst at draft stage. Jacobs has stated that, although revisions were made to the text of the report as a result of comments received, no new evidence had been received which had caused them to alter any of the conclusions contained within their report.

3.1.3 Transport Scotland has accepted the conclusions of the Jacobs report i.e. the 'red route' option which involved the upgrading of the Old Military Road whilst maintaining the existing alignment of the A83, with the addition of landslide mitigation measures, has been accepted as the preferred option.

3.1.4 The emergency diversion route is now operable in the event of a landslide and mitigations works, which are on-going, are programmed for completion around December 2013.

3.1.5 In addition to the above, Transport Scotland has allocated approximately £250,000 for works along the A83 which will include: pedestrian facilities in Tarbert; improved signage in Inveraray; safety improvement measures; speed control measures in Minard, Lochgair and Ardrishaig; road closure signing on the A815 and B839.

### 3.2 A83 Tarbert – Pedestrian crossing point.

3.2.1 Transport Scotland are currently preparing a draft report on potential crossing points on the A83, including Tarbert. Transport Scotland has advised that the report will be available later this financial year.

3.2.2 The list of crossing points being considered is outlined in the table below – taken from the Transport Scotland website.

Transport Scotland – A83 Crossing Point Assessments

	Scheme Location/Name	Work Due To Commence	Planned Completion	What We Are Currently Doing	2013/14 Expected Output
Pedestrian assessments	Ardrishaig	Summer 2013	Summer 2013	We have completed our information gathering stage and are preparing the draft report	Report with recommendations
	Tarbert	Summer 2013	Autumn 2013		Report with recommendations
	Inverary	Summer 2013	Autumn 2013		Report with recommendations

## 4 CONCLUSION

4.1 This report provides Members with an update on A83 trunk road issues.

## 5 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy Officers are in discussion with Transport Scotland regarding the potential to Trunk the A83 between Kennacraig and Campbeltown. Further updates will be provided.
- 5.2 Financial TS's report states that the additional annual costs to the A83 economy from previous landslide episodes at the Rest and Be Thankful are estimated to be £286,300 (in 2010 prices) for the road to being closed for 5 ½ days over the year (the average duration of the past six events).
- 5.3 Personnel None.

- |     |                              |   |
|-----|------------------------------|---|
| 5.4 | Equalities Impact Assessment | None.   |
| 5.5 | Legal                        | None.   |
| 5.6 | Risk                         | Risk to the economy as detailed in 5.2 above. Risk to the travelling public during a landslide event. |
| 5.7 | Customer Service             | None.   |

Sandy Mactaggart  
**Executive Director of Development & Infrastructure**  
19<sup>th</sup> July 2013

**For further information contact:** Jim Smith, Head of Roads & Amenity Services,  
Tel: 01546 604324.