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Please find below a brief update on various key areas of work.

**Roads and Infrastructure**

**Weekly member briefing**

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The updates are designed as a resource for you to be able to answer constituent queries.

You can find details of notable service disruptions on key service areas like bin collections and street lighting on the Council website [here](file:///C:\Users\calderm\Documents\My%20Received%20Files\Service%20Status%20(argyll-bute.gov.uk))

As well as the updates on notable roads schemes in the table below, the whole roads capital programme is available online – you can access the full list of schemes [here.](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/roads-capital-programme-0)

All member briefings can be accessed on the website [here](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/ris-member-briefing)

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| **Oban, Lorn and the Isles** | **Helensburgh and Lomond** | **Mid-Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands** | **Bute and Cowal** | **All areas** |
| **Craignure electricity works**  On the 5th February SSE will be carrying out work on behalf of the Council which will involve a power outage in the area.  This will upgrade the electricity supply to the area in advance of the Craignure Pier development project. As well as providing increased power capacity for the project, it will increase the supply and reliability for the village.  SSEN will put things in place to ensure any vulnerable customers are supported during the works and will be picking up on direct communications with the village before, during and after the works.  We are also in the process of preparing a tender package for ground investigation work to inform the next steps with pier project. | **Lining work**  Lining contractors were in attendance the week beginning 19th December and have managed to complete the majority of the outstanding hand lining work.  Due to parking issues the contractors were unable to line 1x disabled bay on William Street, 1x disabled bay on John Street and 2x disabled bays on Linn Walk.  They will be re attending over the next couple of weeks, when the weather permits, to carry out this remaining work.  **Sign replacements**  A number of large road safety signs are being replaced along the A814, A817, A818 and B872. | **Lining work**  The majority of lining work in Kintyre was completed before Christmas however there is a small amount outstanding and will require the contractor to return when weather permits.  This work will require to be completed within the current financial year.  Due to ferry booking issues the contractors were unable to attend Islay before Christmas. As with the above we will be expecting this work to be completed within the current financial year with contractors returning when the weather permits.    **A816 Barrichbeyan Bends**  Work continues on the £170,000 capital scheme with bulk excavation of rock plus carriageway widening along the A816. Phase One of this work is on schedule to complete by early February | **Lining work**  The majority of machine lining work, along our A class roads, in Cowal is now complete.  The contractors were reasonably successful in completing outstanding hand lining work on Bute however there due to frosty conditions making it hard to paint on the road surface, some work is still outstanding.  The contractors will be re-attending to complete these works over the next couple of weeks along with any outstanding items for Cowal  **Bute capital footway work**  Resurfacing and drainage improvement work has begun on footways along the A884 High Road and Marine Road  **Argyll Street/ Hanover Street**  After investigation it was identified that drainage issues were the main contributing factor to the collapse of the block paving footway.  Work will now commence to resolve the issues with the drainage being repaired and block paving re-laid.  **Dunoon-Gourock consultation**  The consultation has now concluded and our external consultants are in the process of reviewing and analysing the data | **Electric vehicle charging strategy**  Following the update on the EVC strategy at the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee [[Item 6](https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=546&MId=14923)] in December, Officers have a meeting next week with Transport Scotland and the Scottish Futures Trust to discuss the application process and possible next steps for the Scottish Government’s new £30miilion Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund [EVIF].  Once we have clarity on the process and likely outcomes from an EVIF application we will arrange a Member Seminar to discuss the next steps in delivering on the agreed expansion plan.  We have also this week signed the partnership documents with HiTRANS to allow the installation of a further seven chargers across the area. More details on that project are available at Appendix Five of the above noted report. |