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**Roads and Infrastructure**

**Weekly 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** |
| **Roads updates**  Next week capital inlay work on the A816 at Loch Nan Druimean will complete.  Phase 7 of the capital work which includes carriageway extension at Kilninver is still ongoing  **Tobermory Cemetery**  The extension to Tobermory Cemetery, which is providing 190 additional lairs has now successfully completed.  **Tobermory railings**  The contractor TSL have commenced their work and are currently progressing well.  We have been liaising with affected stakeholders to ensure minimal disruption  **Craignure**  We have received tender returns for ground investigation works at Craignure as part of the new pier project. These are being assessed with a view to awarding a contract shortly. We are hoping to see this important preliminary work begin around August and run for 6-8weeks. | **Roads updates**  Surface dressing work has completed on Portincaple road, Darleith Road, Red Road and Limeside Walk.  Surface dressing is ongoing along the B833 and will continue into next week.  Signage is in place to advise road users of an expected 15 minute delay.  **Public recycling point Helensburgh Waterfront**  Members may recall some complaints a few weeks ago about the public recycling point which was been temporarily relocated from the Clyde Street end of the Pier down to the new Leisure Centre.  We have a couple of possible options now for the safe siting of the recycling point at a more convenient and secure location, and are working through these with colleagues on the Waterfront project. | **Roads updates**  Capital works have been ongoing in Kintyre with the C19 and Range Road inlay work completed, Woodlands Drive inlay work is still ongoing.  **Bolgam Street**  There was an issue with waste water and sewage discharge in the alleyway between Bolgam Street public toilets and the adjacent private building.  The issues here appears to be with the public sewer which is a Scottish Water asset.  Local contractor McFadyens assisted Scottish Water in unblocking the choked drain. The area has been jet washed and the manhole cover placed back in position.  **Wind power seminar**  Officers from our Marine team attended a seminar this week in Campbeltown regarding the use of Argyll and Bute’s ports for future offshore wind farm developments.  The seminar was provided by DeepWind, and was aimed at introducing the future supply chain opportunities linked to the £3bn of offshore wind projects planned on the West Coast in Argyll and Bute waters.  These projects are scheduled for construction from 2027 with procurement commencing from 2025 onwards.  The sheer scale of these projects could offer a wide range of future opportunities. | **Roads updates**  Surface dressing operations, delivered by external contractor Keily Brothers are scheduled to commence on Bute from Monday 26th June for the A886 Port Bannatyne and the B881 Meikle Grenach to A844 Scalpsie.  Resurfacing work along the A815 Strachur is now complete.  Pre-surface dressing on the A815 Rashfield to Orchard is also on schedule to complete this week  .  There will be no capital surfacing works carried out in Cowal next week  Surface dressing operations are scheduled to commence on Saturday 15th July.  Keily Brothers will carrying out the work on the A815 at Strachur Fire Station to the Sawmill, Rashfield to Orchard, Ardhallow to Cluniter House and Cluniter point to Braemar Cottage. | **Bedding plants**  All areas have prioritised the planting of bedding plants this week which was delayed slightly due to the extreme hot and dry weather.  **Surface Dressing**  Surface dressing is underway at a number of locations. This process consists of applying a coat of bitumen binder to the road surface to which chippings are then added. This process seals cracks helping to prevent the ingress of water (which can lead to potholes forming when the water freezes then thaws). The chippings provide a new surface which can improve skid resistance and increases the road’s overall resilience.  **Closed Lay-bys**  A number of roadside lay-bys will be closed on a temporary basis to facilitate the storage of surface dressing chippings. Lay-bys across the whole of the UK are used each year for this purpose when surface dressing is carried out. |