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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.

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| **Oban, Lorn and the Isles** | **Helensburgh and Lomond** | **Mid-Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands** | **Bute and Cowal** | **All areas** |
| **Capital work**  Work will be commencing next week on the C34 Hill Road.  This is an £84,500 investment for overlay work. The team will be working at this location all week.  Due to ferry availability, there is reduced freight capacity onto and off the Isle of Mull which has been compounded with the Corran ferry being currently unavailable. We are working closely with colleagues at Calmac, however, it may be that we are unable to transport all the surfacing material at the times we had originally planned. This may result in some changes being required to the programme of works. We’ll keep members updated via these weekly briefings.  In Lorn the crews are concentrating on Pre Surface dressing whilst catching any safety defect repairs required at the same time.  **Streetlighting**  Replacement cables have been installed on Mossfield Avenue this week.  Next week the team are moving on to Glencruitten Drive to replace cables there.  Once this work has been completed this will allow both Mossfield and Glencruitten lighting to be operational again  **Iona Public Toilet**  The public toilet on Iona has had to be temporarily closed due to the septic tank pipe being blocked by stones, likely as a result of vandalism.  Given the urgency to get the toilets re-opened we have made separate arrangements, out with the normal term contract, to have the pipe cleared.  We will also look to see if there is an alternative cover for the vent to stop this happening in the future. | **Capital work**  Pre surface dressing work has been ongoing this week and will continue next week on the B833 through Rosneath  **Lining**  The majority of the requested lining work for has been completed this week.  We will be requesting the contractors return over the next few months to carry out machine lining work following any surfacing work  **Bus infrastructure**  We have applied for £150,000 from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT). An officer from our Public Transport team will be meeting with SPT next week to discuss suitable projects within the area  **Cardross Crematorium**  The crematorium will be closed from 5th to 9th June to enable the hearth to be re-lined. This is part of the standard periodic maintenance programme.  We are in discussions with funeral directors about this via our regular engagement meetings with them, to allow them to plan around the works. | **Capital work**  The jet patcher is on Islay until the end of May carrying out pre surface dressing work along with any identified safety defects.  Pre surface dressing will commence on the A816 Kilmartin to Carnassarie week commencing 22nd May.  This is preparation work for the £182,000 surface dressing scheme that will take place later in the year.  **Campbeltown Cycle Scheme**  The required works for the cycle scheme have nearly completed. It is expected to be open to the public over the next week or so.  **Lining**  Lining contractors have been attending various locations around Southend this week complete centre lines and edge lining etc.  They are expected to return next week to carry out hand lining work such as disabled bays across South Kintyre.  Officers are in discussions with Calmac regarding the MV Alfred utilising both Campbeltown and Port Askaig (Council operated ports) for the additional/resilience freight services which Calmac propose to provide. This is not anticipated to have any impact at Port Askaig as it is understood any additional services will work around the existing timetable. At Campbeltown we will look to coordinate any visits of the MV Alfred around other port business. | **Capital work**  Pre surface dressing work along the A815 is ongoing along with gully and drain cleaning, drainage, ditching and offlets.  The road signage replacement scheme should be completed next week across Bute and Cowal  Pre surface dressing work along the B881 on Bute is scheduled for next week, with the crews attending to any safety defects identified in recent inspections  **Lining**  The contractors have confirmed they will be attending Bute next week for three days to carry out the lining of disabled bays etc.  **Rothesay Fountain**  The final stage of works are scheduled for next week including staff training for maintenance requirements to enable the fountain to re-open  **A886 Strachur landslip**  Our contractor Taziker will undertake defects rectification works week commencing 29th May. This will comprise:  •Undertaking an as-built survey of the ditch system  •Extending the concrete canvas to include this section of the works  •Remediation to surfacing  These works will be completed under the standard contractual 52 weeks defects period. | **Public convenience door access control contract**  We are finalising the works programme for the door access control systems with our contractor, Healthmatics, and expect to have a project plan to share shortly. |