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Dear Stakeholder

A9 North Kessock to Tore Study

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the A9 North Kessock to Tore Initial Appraisal: Case for Change Study, undertaken in 2020. Since the stakeholder workshops took place there has been a comprehensive review and consideration of the available evidence, input submitted by stakeholders and a detailed analysis of traffic data.

Our consultants, WSP, have now finalised their report and I am pleased to confirm that this is available to read in full on our website at [STAG Appraisal - Case for Change Report - March 2021 - A9 - North Kessock to Tore study \(transport.gov.scot\)](#).

The Report has concluded that a Case for Change has been established. We have now instructed WSP to proceed with the next stage, The Preliminary Appraisal, which will look at how the various options generated as part of the Case for Change Study can address the problems and opportunities identified. This is in line with the Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance. A key element of this task will include further stakeholder engagement prior to a wider public engagement exercise to ensure that the views of road users are considered.

Representatives from WSP will be in contact with you once they have completed the initial stages of the Preliminary Appraisal to advise on the stakeholder engagement arrangements involved with this next phase of the study.

I hope you find this update useful and look forward to continue working with you as this study progresses.

Kind regards



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