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Dear Stakeholder

A9 North Kessock to Tore Study

Thank you for your ongoing support and interest in the above study. Following publication of the [Initial Appraisal \(Case for Change\)](#) and [Public Consultation](#) reports in March and October, respectively, I am pleased to confirm that the [Part 1 Appraisal Report](#) is now available on Transport Scotland's website.

This latest report has appraised the options developed during the Case for Change stage against a wide variety of criteria, in line with Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance. This includes the Transport Planning Objectives developed with stakeholders and the feedback received from the Public Consultation. Important factors such as safety, feasibility and environmental impacts are also considered.

The outcome of this Part 1 Appraisal is a short-list of options that are recommended for progression to detailed appraisal. Transport Scotland will review the recommendations of the report and consider the next steps, taking account of the feasibility of the options and available resources.

We recognise the desire for improvements to be implemented as soon as possible and we are already progressing a number of measures in the short term which include:

- Installation of street-lighting at the A9/B9161 Munloch junction, which has now commenced;
- Investigate improvements to road markings at Tore Roundabout;
- Investigate improvements to active travel facilities at Tore Roundabout; and
- Review of the speed limit in the approaches to Tore Roundabout. This will also include the A835 to the Tore Primary School junction.

Whilst we remain committed to completion of the study, we will also progress further options as soon as possible where these can be justified, funded and positively contribute towards improvements on this part of the A9.

Our thoughts continue to be with those affected by the tragic fatal accident at the B9161 Munloch junction on 19 November. We are continuing discussions with Police Scotland as investigations into this accident progress. Please be assured that should this investigation identify improvements to the junction then these will be considered as a priority.

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

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Perry', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard Perry
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