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Subject: A96 East of Huntly to Aberdeen - Minute to Cabinet Secretary - Meet the Team Events

Cabinet Secretary

Please find attached submission for your consideration.

Regards

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A96 Dualling - East of Huntly ...

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A96 DUALLING – EAST OF HUNTLY TO ABERDEEN

Purpose

1. You are invited to note that “Meet the Team” events for the A96 Dualling East of Huntly to Aberdeen scheme are to be held between 7 to 9 November.

Priority

2. Routine.

Background

3. Ministers announced their plans to upgrade the A9 between Perth and Inverness to full dual carriageway by 2025 and the A96 between Inverness and Aberdeen by 2030 during the launch of the Infrastructure Investment Plan (IIP) in December 2011. The programme to upgrade the A96 to dual carriageway standard must deliver approximately 88 miles of improvements in the next 13 years. The programme will comprise a number of projects phased to suit the available funding.

4. Transport Scotland has completed the first phase of design (DMRB Stage 1 assessment) for the dualling of the A96 east of Nairn to Aberdeen and are progressing the next stage of the design (DMRB Stage 2 assessment) as three geographic sections in addition to the Inverness to Nairn (including Nairn Bypass) section which is at a more advanced stage of development. The three sections are based on a Western, Central and Eastern section.

5. Amey Arup Joint Venture was appointed by Transport Scotland in July 2017 to progress the DMRB Stage 2 route options assessment of the A96 Dualling East of Huntly to Aberdeen (i.e. the A96 Dualling Eastern Section). Work has commenced on the route options assessment process and is expected to take approximately 2 years to complete.

6. Community engagement is an important part of the design process and events undertaken during the DMRB Stage 1 preliminary assessment along the length of the A96 corridor were extremely well attended by the public.

Meet the Team Events

7. As part of our ongoing rolling programme of community engagement on the A96 Dualling, three 'Meet the Team' events are being held on the East of Huntly to Aberdeen scheme to provide an opportunity for the public to meet representatives from Transport Scotland's A96 Dualling team and design consultants, Amey Arup, and also to find out more about the essential design and assessment process to be

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followed during the development of the scheme. These ‘Meet the Team’ events will be held on:

Wednesday 8 November 2017, 12 noon – 7pm

Garioch Heritage Centre, Loco Works Road, Inverurie, AB51 4FY

Thursday 9 November 2017, 12 noon – 7pm

The Stewart's Hall, 19 Gordon Street, Huntly, AB54 8AJ

Friday 10 November 2017, 12 noon – 7pm

Kinellar Community Hall, Fintray Road, Blackburn, AB21 0JQ

Communications Handling

8. We will be advertising these events from 26 October 2017 in local and national media and a Ministerial news release will be issued to coincide with the first of the press ads appearing. Comms Colleagues will provide a draft release to you in due course.

9. Those who have previously expressed an interest in the wider A96 dualling scheme to date will be contacted to inform them of the “Meet the Team” events.

Conclusion

10. You are invited to note that “Meet the Team” events for the A96 Dualling East of Huntly to Aberdeen scheme are to be held between 7 to 9 November and to note the proposed communications handling.

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Copy List:	For Action	For Comments	For Information		
			Portfolio Interest	Constit Interest	General Awareness
Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity			X		
Minister for Transport and the Islands			X		

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