

Dear Stakeholder,

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Tactran e-Newsletter. This edition highlights developments considered and approved at the Partnership's recent meeting on [20 September 2011](#) including:-

- tangible progress on improving local rail services through our Tay Estuary Rail Study work;
- approval of the Tayside & Central Scotland Health and Transport Framework;
- roll out of Travel Planning tools and support for public and private sector employers;
- proposed development of a Freight Consolidation Centre at Perth; and
- progress on delivery of key RTS Revenue and Capital projects.

We'd welcome comments or feedback on the information provided in this newsletter or on the activities and work of the Partnership. Contact us at info@tactran.gov.uk

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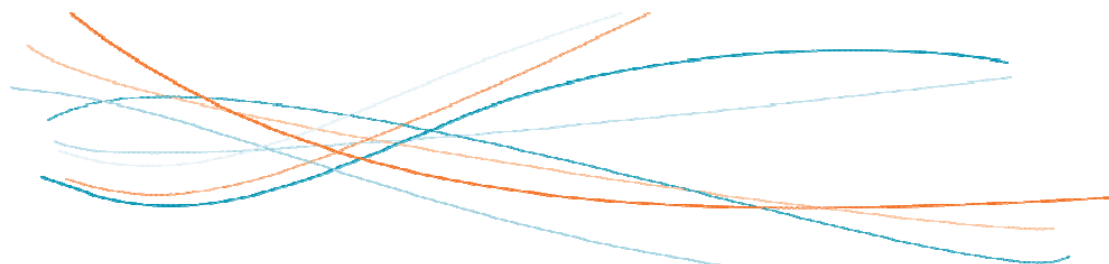
Rail Service Improvements



The Partnership has welcomed the introduction of additional train services between Dundee/Perth – Glasgow and on the Highland Main Line, which are being introduced by ScotRail and Transport Scotland from December 2011. The improvements between Dundee, Perth and Glasgow were informed by our Tay Estuary Rail Study (TERS) work. From

12 December there will also be a significant increase in the number of trains calling at Broughty Ferry station, which comes about as a direct result of our TERS work. An additional 5 stops northbound and 4 stops southbound will give new commuter and other travel opportunities from Broughty Ferry to Dundee, Perth, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Aberdeen on Mondays – Saturdays. These improvements are being delivered under a negotiated service enhancement agreement between Tactran and ScotRail and will run initially for a period of 1 year until December 2012, with passenger usage determining the future level of service. Tactran and ScotRail will be promoting the new services locally.

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We're also investigating the potential for installing improved passenger information systems and other passenger facilities at Broughty Ferry. Invergowrie Station is also to receive an additional northbound evening peak stop, which will complement the existing morning peak southbound stop, providing a commuter service to/from Perth. Tactran is continuing to work with the rail industry and Transport Scotland to explore the potential for further local rail service enhancements beyond December 2012. For further information contact [Niall Gardiner](#), Projects Manager.

Tayside and Central Scotland Health & Transport Framework

On 20 September 2011 the Partnership approved the [Tayside and Central Scotland Health & Transport Framework](#). The finalised Framework has been shaped by comments received during consultation with a wide range of stakeholders. The document was formally approved/endorsed by the Boards of NHS Forth Valley and NHS Tayside in August. It is now being referred to the Angus, Dundee, Perth & Kinross and Stirling Community Planning Partnerships, for wider public sector consideration and adoption, including development of locally and regionally relevant Action Plans to help tackle issues associated with improving access to health; promoting Active Travel; addressing the impacts transport has on health; and encouraging more sustainable approaches to NHS staff travel. For further information contact [Michael Cairns](#), Strategy Manager.

Travel Planning Support



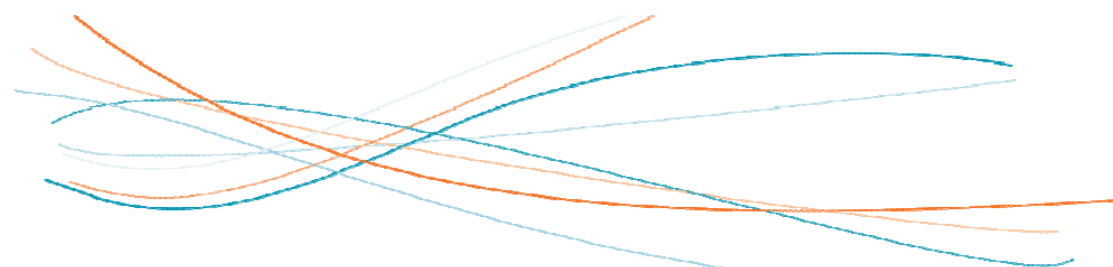
The roll-out of our recently launched website has continued, with 39 major employers, including all 4 partner Councils and other key Community Planning

partners such as NHS Forth Valley, NHS Tayside, Tayside Police, Tayside Fire & Rescue, Universities and FE Colleges also participating. Private sector employers who have signed up for the comprehensive and free Travel Planning support and advice service include Aviva, Highland Spring, Michelin, NCR, Prudential and Scottish Water.

Our [Sustainable Travel Grant Scheme](#) can provide match funding to support public and not-for-profit organisations to implement sustainable travel measures in support of their Travel Plans.

For further information or to sign up for support in developing workplace or organisational

Travel Plans through  contact [Merry Scott](#), Travel Plan Officer.



Freight Consolidation Centre Pilot Project

Working with Perth & Kinross Council's Air Quality Management staff and the Regional Freight Quality Partnership, we've developed proposals for a trial Freight Consolidation Centre on the outskirts of Perth. This would enable the transfer of goods for delivery to shops and other premises in the City Centre onto smaller, more environmentally friendly delivery vehicles, thereby reducing the number of lorries and vans accessing the City Centre, bringing significant air quality, reduction in congestion and road safety benefits. Tactran and the Council are partnering with 12 other UK and European bodies in an EU Interreg IV project bid, which seeks match funding of approximately £900,000 to enable introduction of a 3-year trial project from 2012/13. The outcome of this bid will be known in the New Year. For further information contact [Michael Cairns](#).

Regional Transport Strategy Projects Update

Progress on a number of the priority projects identified in our [2011/12 Revenue Programme](#) and [2011/12 Capital Programme](#) is outlined below. For more information on our Revenue and Capital Programmes visit the [Projects](#) page at www.tactran.gov.uk or contact [Niall Gardiner](#), Projects Manager.

Travel Information

Our 2011/12 Capital Programme is contributing to the upgrading of Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) in Dundee City Centre and at Ninewells Hospital. A study into the potential for extending RTPI in Perth & Kinross has also been approved for completion by the end of 2011/12.

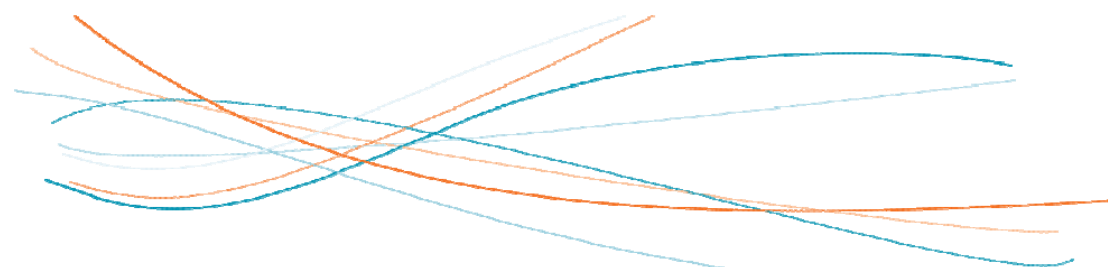


Further enhancements to our regional multimodal transport information website we are working on include a cycle journey planning facility, improved integration with the national Traveline Scotland journey planner and providing adverse winter weather travel information. Access comprehensive and to up to date travel information by following us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Urban Traffic Management & Control

A Capital contribution of £150,000 has been made to the relocation and upgrading of the Urban Traffic Management & Control (UTMC) system in Dundee. With the relocation of Dundee City Council transportation staff and systems from Tayside House to the new Dundee House the opportunity has been taken to modernise the UTMC system.

The study into the potential for RTPI development in Perth & Kinross also incorporates a review of Perth's UTMC system and scope for enhancement.



Public Transport Interchanges

A review of current public transport interchange provision within Perth is to be completed this financial year. This will consider future requirements for improving public transport travel to, from and within Perth and the effectiveness of existing facilities for interchange between bus, coach, rail, walk and cycle modes.

Our 2011/12 Capital Programme includes provision for supporting enhancements to interchange arrangements at Dundee Rail Station as part of the ongoing Dundee Waterfront regeneration project.

Park & Ride/Choose Strategy

Work continues on developing the Business Case for a Dundee West facility. Consultations are ongoing with Dundee City Council, Transport Scotland, NHS Tayside and bus operators. Local community consultations will also take place on the 2 options at Riverside Drive and Swallow Roundabout, with a view to identifying a preferred scheme option which will then be taken forward through detailed planning and design, with the intention of delivery ahead of the opening of the V&A @ Dundee in 2015. Further progress on developing a Park & Ride/Choose interchange on A92, south of the Tay Bridge awaits the outcome of the St Andrews and East Fife Local Plan examination.

Work also continues on identifying a preferred site option and design layout for a facility at Perth East just off the A90 at Walnut Grove. Further developments will be reported to our next Partnership meeting on [13 December 2011](#).

Port Access Improvements

The RTS Capital Programme includes a £2 million upgrading of the Stannergate road access into Dundee Port. This infrastructure enhancement is designed to support the development potential of Dundee Port as a key renewable energies hub. Work on the scheme started during September and is due for completion in Spring 2012.

Publications

Tactran's [Annual Statement of Accounts for Financial Year 2010/11](#) and external auditors, Henderson Loggie's, [Report to Members and the Controller of Audit](#) are available for inspection on the Partnership's website.

Consultations

Tactran has submitted responses to recent consultations by Transport Scotland on the proposed extension of [Bus Service Operators Grant](#) to Demand Responsive Transport services and with other Regional Transport Partnerships to a Department for Transport consultation on [Developing a Sustainable Framework for UK Aviation](#).

Our Winter Newsletter will be published after the Partnership's next meeting on 13 December 2011.

