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PE1540

Our ref:

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Michael McMahon
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Public Petitions Committee

By email:
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Dear Convener

A83 Rest and Be Thankful – Petition PE1540

Further to my letter to you of 21 January 2016 and following the A83 Taskforce meeting of 25 January 2016 please find enclosed the remaining outstanding information.

(b) Works – Future proposed works at the Rest and Be Thankful (RaBT) and the local diversion route (LDR) after the current reports/studies have been completed (i.e. ongoing review of the landslide netting and the options to improve the LDR).

As noted in our letter of 21 January, we are progressing the widening of the LDR to two way traffic over a length of 1.2km which will reduce journey times by 30% from 17 minutes to 11.5mins, a saving of 5.5mins.

Following a review of the A83 Route Study Red Option risk reduction measures (debris netting) at the Rest and Be Thankful, a programme of further works was identified that would provide additional resilience to the netting measures to mitigate against the impacts of landslides on the A83.

Future investment proposals for the A83 over 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 totalling £6.62M were presented to and agreed by the A83 Taskforce on 25 January 2016 and include the following:

2016/2017 A83 Improvements – £3.075M

Scheme	Cost
Risk Reduction Measures - Debris Net Enhancements (high frequency events)	£1,000,000
Widen the Local Diversion Route	£410,000
Strone Point Improvement	£1,585,000
Tender/Procurement for Risk Reduction Measures - Debris Net Enhancements (medium/low frequency events)	£80,000
Total	£3,075,000

2017/2018 Improvements – £3.545M

Scheme	Cost
Risk Reduction Measures - Debris Net Enhancements (high frequency events completion)	£230,000
Risk Reduction Measures - Debris Net Enhancements (low and medium frequency events)	£1,775,000
Glen Kinglas (Landslide Mitigation)	£240,000
Whitebridge Cottage Improvement (footway improvements and minor road realignment)	£340,000
Contingency for additional nets if required	£710,000
Erines Improvement (Ground Investigation)	£250,000
Total	£3,545,000

Action: Complete

The Minister for Transport and Islands has recommended that the next A83 Taskforce meeting be held in May 2016, after the Scottish Parliament Election.

I hope this is helpful

Yours sincerely

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