



# A82 Inverness Walking & Cycling Improvements Tomnahurich Roundabout to Longman Road



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### Project Outline

Welcome to our first newsletter providing information and progress updates about the upcoming road safety improvements in Inverness between Tomnahurich Roundabout and Telford Road Roundabout.

BEAR Scotland on behalf of Transport Scotland are carrying out over £400,000 worth of work to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety on the A82 between Tomnahurich Roundabout and Telford Road Roundabout to help improve safety.

The locations and details of the A82 safety improvements include:

- Installation of a traffic signal controlled pedestrian crossing at Smith Avenue near the Scotmid Store.
- Installation of a traffic signal controlled pedestrian crossing between Montague Row and Ardross Street.
- Upgrades to the traffic signal controlled junction at Kenneth Street and Tomnahurich Street Junction.
- Installation of kerbed build-outs at key locations and the upgrading of existing pedestrian refuge islands.

The improvements have been designed to provide pedestrians and cyclists with safer crossing points along the A82 as well as reducing the incidences of vehicles colliding with the existing traffic signal columns. A new road surface will be required at all of the signalised crossings and traffic signal junctions.

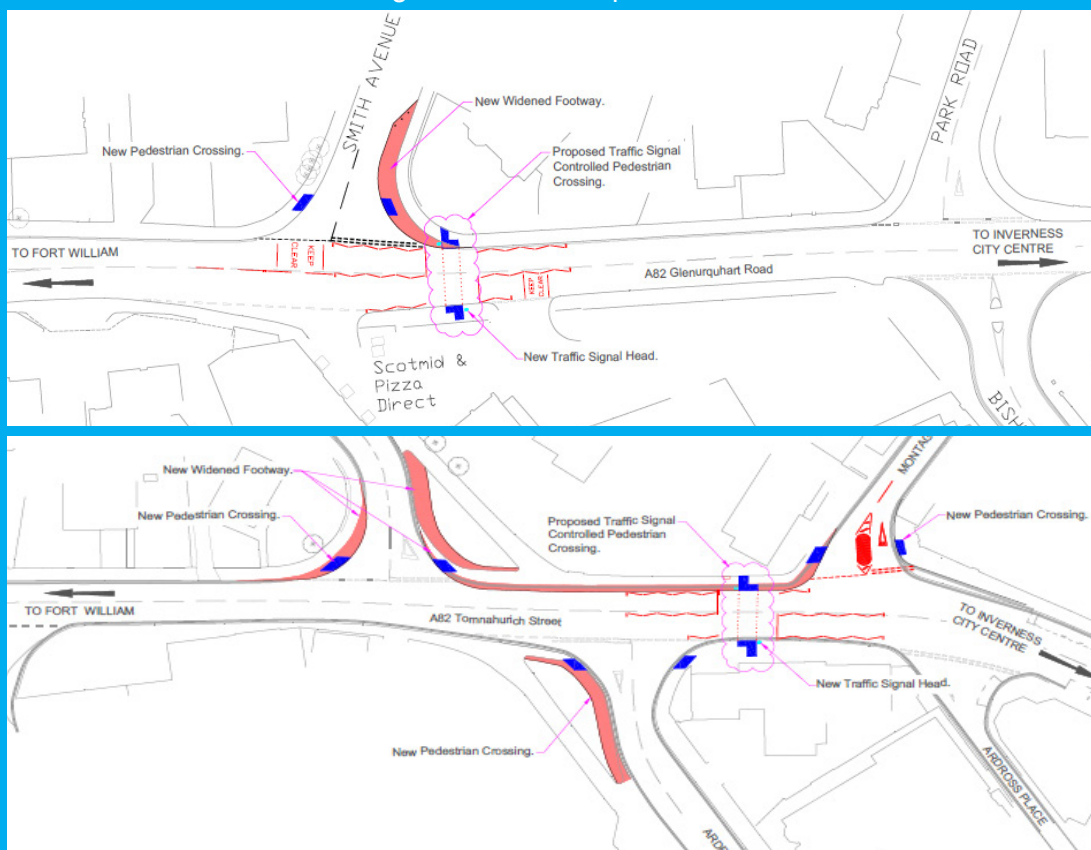
### What has happened so far?

Each project requires an extensive design process including an in-depth topographical survey and a review of the public utility services that are located above and underground including water, gas and telecoms. The detailed design of the signalised crossings has already started.

The different stages of the project will then need to be coordinated and programmed to ensure they are sequenced correctly. Before proceeding to construction all elements of the design are required to be in place and thoroughly checked. This will help ensure the works are delivered safely and with minimum disruption to residents and motorists.



Outline proposal drawings have been produced for the two signalised crossings at Smith Avenue and Montague Row as detailed below, with work continuing on the other improvements.



## What's Coming Up?

Consultation with key stakeholders will begin soon to ensure local residents are aware of the improvements and that the proposed projects do not have an impact on the emergency services, bus service and local businesses. Once this stage of the design has been completed then the project can be programmed for construction.

The delivery of the project is expected to take place in phases over 18 months. The first area of the improvements will involve the installation of a new controlled crossing on the A82 at Smith Avenue, followed by the crossing near Montague Row which will require more construction time on site due to extensive kerbing realignment work required. It is hoped the Smith Avenue crossing will be installed by the end of 2019.

As well as improvement measures to the A82 between Tomnahurich Roundabout and Telford Street Roundabout, BEAR Scotland and Transport Scotland will continue work to improve walking and cycling facilities on the dual carriageway section between Telford Road Roundabout and Longman Road Roundabout. This will require further engagement with relevant stakeholders in the coming months.

Proposals to provide improved crossing points and bus stops at several other locations will begin during the design stage in August 2019. It is hoped that the implementation of these measures will commence in late summer 2020, subject to any unexpected design or construction issues.

## Traffic Information

At this stage no traffic management is required as teams are still progressing with the design and consultation stages, however as construction work gets underway traffic management will be used at some locations on the A82 to keep the workforce and public safe during the improvements. Details of this will be shared in the coming months.

Motorists driving in and around Inverness can access up to the minute journey time information at [www.trafficscotland.org](http://www.trafficscotland.org) or twitter [@trafficscotland](https://twitter.com/trafficscotland).

Should you require any further information about the A82 Tomnahurich Road Safety Improvements, please contact BEAR Scotland by emailing: [NWConsultation@bearsotland.co.uk](mailto:NWConsultation@bearsotland.co.uk) or call 0800 028 1414.

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