



A82 Inverness Walking & Cycling Improvements

Tomnahurich Roundabout to Longman Road



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Project Outline

Welcome to our second newsletter providing information and progress updates about the upcoming road safety improvements in Inverness on the A82 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 facilities for non-motorised users on the A82 between Tomnahurich Roundabout and Telford Road Roundabout to help improve safety and accessibility.

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 since July?

Topographical surveys have been carried out along with other site surveys, which will allow the detailed design of the crossings to progress to completion. The type and positions of signal equipment, power supplies and cabling have been discussed on site with a specialist signal contractor to help programme the works. Careful consideration must be given to the location of existing underground services such as electric, gas, water and phone fibre telecoms.

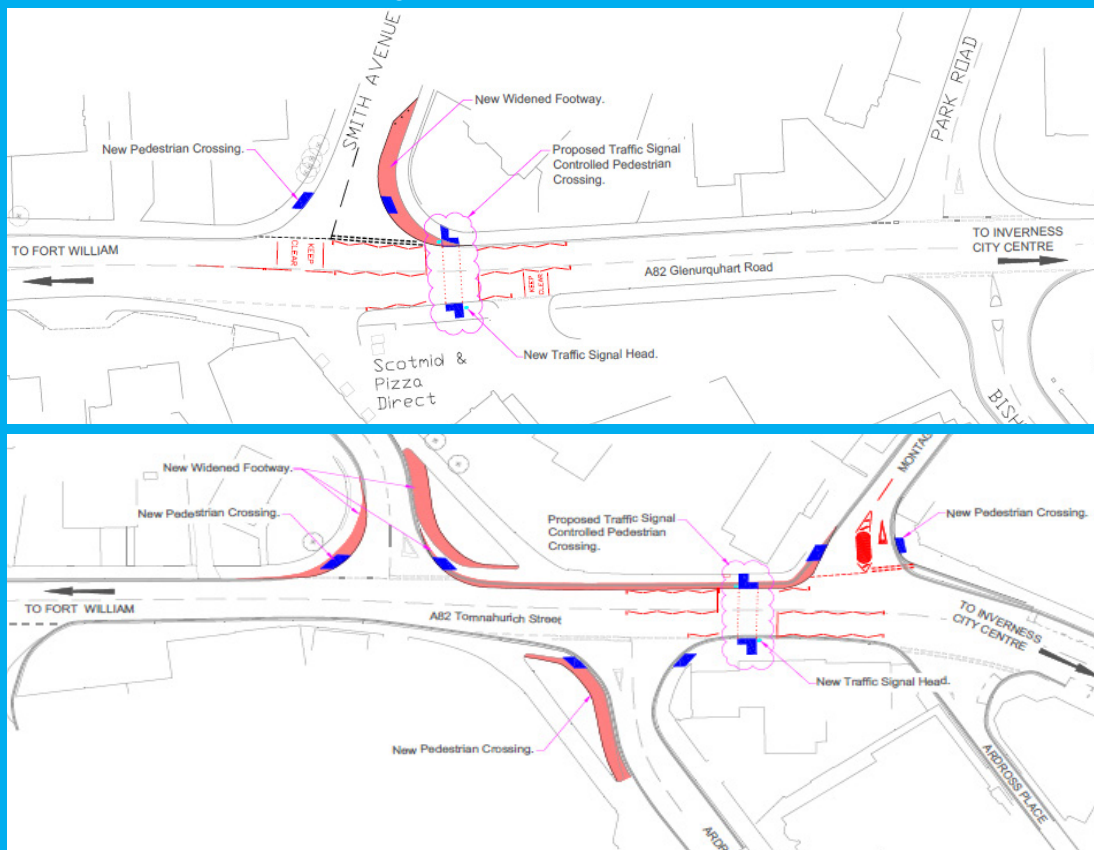
Traffic modelling of the Kenneth Street / Tomnahurich Street Junction to compare the performance of different junction layouts has started. The outcomes from this exercise will help the design team determine the optimum layout and signal phasing for all users before proceeding further with the detailed design of Kenneth Street / Tomnahurich Street Junction.

Stakeholder consultation has started for the Smith Avenue section. Information letters have been posted to local-residents to keep them informed of progress on the two signal-controlled crossings.

A Walking, Cycling and Horse-riding Assessment is being carried out to ensure the scheme design considers options to improve facilities for all non-motorised users are considered.



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 stakeholders is still ongoing to ensure local residents are aware of the improvements and any potential disruptions. There will be discussions to ensure the projects do not have any significant impact on the emergency services, bus services and local businesses. Once this stage of the design has been completed then the project can be programmed for construction.

The delivery phase is expected to start within the next 16 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.

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 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 or call 0800 028 1414.

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