



A82 Inverness Walking & Cycling Improvements

Tomnahurich Roundabout to Longman Road



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Project Outline

Welcome to the fifth newsletter providing information and progress updates about the ongoing road safety improvements on the A82 between the Tomnahurich Roundabout and Longman Roundabout in Inverness.

The £400,000 project involves improvements to facilities for non-motorised users on the A82. The project aims to provide pedestrians and cyclists with safer crossing points, reducing the number of vehicle collisions and encourage active travel in the area.

The project is being carried out by BEAR Scotland on behalf of Transport Scotland and will involve the following improvements:

- The installation of a push-button controlled pedestrian crossing across the A82 at Smith Avenue, at the Scotmid shop.
- The installation of a push-button controlled crossing the A82 between Montague Row and Ardress Street.
- Upgrades to the signal-controlled junction at the Kenneth Street and Tomnahurich Street Junction with the provision of additional crossing facilities.
- The installation of kerbed buildouts at key locations on the footway and the improvement of existing pedestrian islands and bus stops between Smith Avenue and Telford Street Roundabout.

What has happened since January?

Smith Avenue

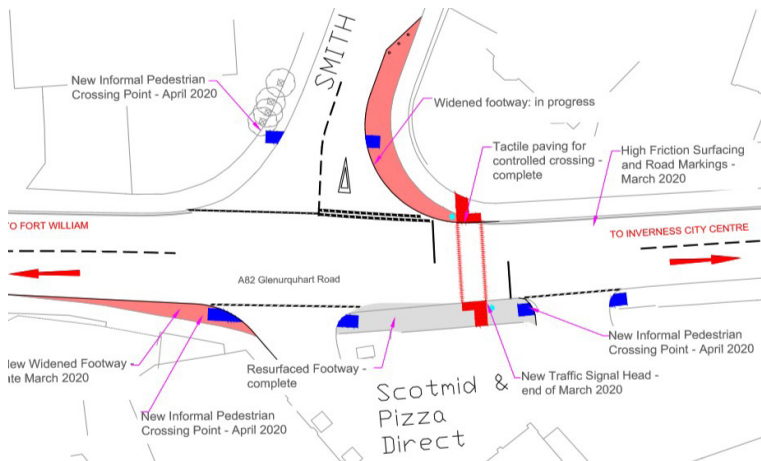
Since the previous update there has been significant progress made at Smith Avenue, with construction getting underway in the third week of January after

storms delayed the start of the project. The following works have now either been completed or are currently underway:

- New tactile paving and flush kerbs have been installed at the controlled crossing point.
- Work is nearing completion of the pedestrian build out and new uncontrolled crossing across Smith Avenue.
- Electrical connection works have been completed on the Smith Avenue side and the new bituminous surface is relayed to allow the footway to be used.
- High Friction Surfacing and road markings are to be installed on the A82 approaches.
- Our specialist sub-contractor Siemens can install the controlled pedestrian crossing infrastructure including poles, signal heads and electronic components. This is expected to be completed by the end of March.



Photo from Smith Avenue to the A82 showing excavation of the area ready for new kerbs.



A82 / Smith Avenue improvements that have been completed, ongoing and that are soon to get underway.

Due to ongoing severe weather experienced during the last two months, the construction phase was postponed on four occasions resulting in an anticipated finish time in early April 2020.

It is acknowledged by BEAR Scotland that these improvements have had an impact on road users, and it is appreciated that the local community have been understanding about the ongoing disruption. We thank the local community for their continued patience during the final stages of the project.

What's Coming Up?

Montague Row

Due to the weather issues experienced at the Smith Avenue site, the Montague Row crossing point is now anticipated to start week commencing Monday 23 March. The anticipated duration is still six weeks with an anticipated finish in mid-May. Notification of the exact construction periods and times will be issued to residents immediately affected by a letter drop.

Kenneth Street / Tomnahurich Street Junction

Representatives from BEAR Scotland, Transport Scotland, The Highland Council and Siemens met on Monday 9 March to discuss the recent traffic modelling exercise carried out at the Kenneth Street / Tomnahurich Street Junction.

Traffic modelling is used to determine the most appropriate junction layout and is used to optimise the traffic timings to ensure the junction works safely, effectively and efficiently.

All the information is used to design and operate the junction to best balance the needs of those participating in active travel and driving. Teams will develop the details of the design further and will continue engagement with The Highland Council to plan the construction phase in order to minimise the disruption to the public during this time.

Telford Roundabout to Longman Road Roundabout

The current focus of the A82 improvements through Inverness has been to non-motorised user facilities on the stretch between Bught Drive and Telford Street Roundabout. An investigation has been provisionally planned to take place on the dual carriageway section between Telford Street Roundabout and Longman Road Roundabout.

A second phase of public consultation will be undertaken in due course. An online survey will be used to gather more up to date views and comments on the Telford Roundabout – Longman Road Roundabout area. A public consultation was undertaken in Autumn 2018 to determine the main issues of concern and concentrate on these and what should be done to rectify them. More information regarding this survey will be published soon.

Traffic Information

There will continue to be three-way traffic signals in place whilst the works at Smith Avenue are underway. These temporary traffic lights are required to ensure the safety of road users and the construction teams. Typically, the temporary traffic lights are operational 9am-4pm to avoid peak traffic flows, however, during certain phases the period of operation may need to be extended to ensure the safety of the operations team. We understand that this can be an inconvenience and appreciate your patience during these phases. We aim to keep the public updated as the scheme progresses.

To report a defect or problem on the trunk road network, please visit the BEAR Scotland website at <http://bit.ly/ReportADefect> or contact the Trunk Road Customer Care line on 0800 028 1414.

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

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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