



A82 Inverness Walking & Cycling Improvements

Tomnahurich Roundabout to Longman Road



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Project Outline

Welcome to the eighth and final newsletter of 2020, providing information and progress updates on the ongoing road safety improvements on the A82 between Tomnahurich Roundabout and Longman Roundabout, Inverness.

The project aim is to improve the facilities for non-motorised users who use the A82 in Inverness. The scheme aims to reduce the number of vehicle collisions and encourage active travel by installing safer and better located crossing points and to improve the footways for both cyclists and pedestrians.

The scheme is being carried out by BEAR Scotland on behalf of Transport Scotland. Work has now been completed to the crossing at Smith Avenue with work currently progressing at Montague Row, other improvements also include the following:

- The installation of the push-button traffic signal-controlled crossing at Smith Avenue, near Scotmid has been in operation since August 2020.
- The construction of a push button traffic signal-controlled junction between Montague Row and Ardross Street is now well underway and is expected to be operational in January 2021.
- The installation of an upgraded signal-controlled junction at Kenneth Street and Tomnahurich Street with the provision of additional pedestrian crossing facilities on all arms of the junction.
- The installation of kerbed build outs at key locations on the footway and improvements to existing pedestrian islands and bus stops. This work is expected to be carried out in the 2021/2022 financial year.
- An in-depth investigation and public engagement exercise into potential improvements on the A82 Longman Road Dual Carriageway. The investigation phase has commenced, with the main investigation work expected to commence in the 2021/2022 financial year.

Project Update - End of Year Round-up

New pedestrian crossing completed at Glenurquhart Road on A82 in Inverness

The signal-controlled crossing at Smith Avenue has been installed and operational since August with the crossing being well used by pedestrians.



The A82 at Smith Avenue pedestrian crossing as been operational since August.

Montague Row

The construction of the second crossing between Montague Row and Ardross Street has now commenced and is due to be completed in January 2021. Work is expected to pause over the Christmas period.

The second phase crossing will also consist of upgrades to the surrounding footway, improvements to drainage on the carriageway and high friction surfacing on approach to the crossing.



The kerbing works at Montague Row are progressing well. The crossing is expected to be finished in January 2021.



The new footway on Bruce Gardens is expected to be finished in January 2021

What's Coming Up?

Kenneth Street/Tomnahurich Street Junction

The designs for the upgrades to the Kenneth Street, Tomnahurich Street junction are underway and progressing towards the final designs. Construction phase is expected to start in Spring 2021.

Telford Roundabout to Longman Road Roundabout

The investigation into potential improvements for the Longman Road dual carriageway has started. There is progress being made towards an initial Public Consultation event, however due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic this cannot take place in person. Teams are working towards a digital alternative whilst aiming to ensure accessibility.

Traffic Information

Temporary traffic lights are in operation between 9am -4pm at Montague Row. Timings may be extended to ensure the safety of the Operations Team. All traffic management will be removed over the Christmas period. Traffic management will be reinstalled when the works recommence, this is expected to be around Friday 8 January 2021.

To report a defect or problem on the trunk road network, please visit the BEAR Scotland website at <https://bit.ly/ReportADefectWeb> 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 [@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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