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Dear Maureen

I refer to my letter of 13 August 2014 and am delighted to be able to update you on a further milestone in the A9 Dualling Programme.

Today we are announcing the start of the procurement for the construction of the first 7.5km of dualling between Kincaig and Dalraddy. The project has been brought forward by around 6 months from our projected start date in 2015/16. This is due largely to being able to forecast further savings from contingencies being realised from the Queensferry Crossing next year which is allowing us to channel those funds directly into the A9.

The scheme itself will introduce a section of dual carriageway into the longest length of the A9 between Perth and Inverness without any dualling. Drivers using the 50km between Crubenmore and Slochd will now experience the benefits of guaranteed safe overtaking earlier than we first anticipated.

The construction will bring opportunities for SMEs to bid for subcontractor roles through the Public Contracts Scotland portal.

The bringing forward of this project underlines our commitment to complete the dualling of the A9 and to continue to seek opportunities to accelerate that work where we can.

Kind regards

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