

Correspondence from Transport Scotland to the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee, dated 9 March 2016

PE 1236 - A90/A937 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Thank you for your letter of 9 February to David Anderson regarding the above, I have been asked to respond on his behalf.

On 28 January, Keith Brown, Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities announced that the Scottish Government will provide £24 million of funding to take forward the design and construction of a grade-separated junction at the A90/A937 south junction at Laurencekirk. This is a significant step forward for the scheme and I hope that the Committee will welcome this announcement.

The next stage in the scheme development is to progress with the design phases of the junction upgrade, taking the design through Design Manual for Roads and Bridges Stages 2 (route option assessment) and 3 (development of preferred junction option) to the preparation of Draft Orders. Transport Scotland will look to appoint consultants and begin work to take the scheme through design development and statutory authorisation.

There is still a lot of development work to be carried out and all the members of the Laurencekirk Stakeholder Group including Nestrans, Aberdeenshire and Angus Councils, will continue to work together to ensure that the scheme is delivered as soon as possible for the benefit of road users and the local community in Laurencekirk.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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