



**Transform Scotland** is the national alliance for sustainable transport, bringing together organisations from the private, public and voluntary sectors. We are the only organisation in Scotland making the case for sustainable transport across all modes. We have a membership of over 60 organisations, including public transport operators, local authorities and sustainable transport campaign groups. Spokes was one of our founding members.



## Inter-City Express

### SCOTS WANT **INTER-CITY RAIL SERVICES** AT LEAST AS FAST AS ROADS

That was the finding from an opinion poll commissioned by Transform Scotland. Ninety-one per cent of those surveyed by ScotPulse wanted inter-city rail services at least as fast as the parallel roads.

As part of our 'Inter-City Express' campaign, we've published a new campaign brochure which sets out our aspirations for rail:

- Inverness to Perth: Double and Electrify
- Aberdeen to the Central Belt: Upgrade and Electrify
- Aberdeen to Inverness: Hourly service, under 2 hours
- Edinburgh-Perth Direct: Just 45 Minutes, Centre to Centre
- Perth: A New Inter-City Rail Hub

It is clear that the public wants faster trains between our cities. We want to see the Scottish Government match its policy commitments to Scotland's inter-city rail network with some actual investment in the infrastructure. It is embarrassing that some of our inter-city rail routes are slower than they were over a century ago. In 1895, it was possible to travel by steam train from Perth to Edinburgh in 65 minutes, but today the fastest journey takes 71 minutes!



**65 min**

Edinburgh - Perth  
Fastest time in 1895

The rail route from **Edinburgh to Perth** is slower than it was **100 years ago**



**71 min**

Edinburgh - Perth  
Fastest time in 2015



## Interchange Project



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Transform Scotland's 'Interchange' project has audited the ease of combining cycling with public transport networks across Scotland. We analysed 19 bus stations, rail stations and ferry terminals in ten towns and cities across Scotland, from Aberdeen to Mallaig, and from Inverness to Glasgow.

This project concluded that while some stations have excellent cycling facilities, the majority do not, resulting in an uneven experience for cyclists. With coordination and effort, a basic and consistent level could be maintained. By implementing the recommendations of the report and providing funding, cyclists' experience could be transformed. With better cycle facilities, the reach and flexibility of the public transport network could be drastically increased as over 60% of the Scottish population live within a 15 minute cycle to a bus or rail station or ferry terminal.

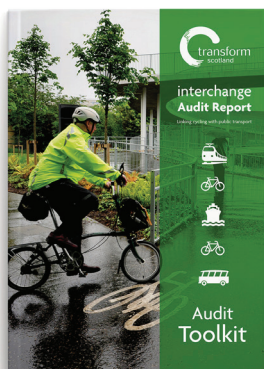
A key goal of the project was to develop the Interchange Toolkit, which allows any groups or individuals, as well as transport operators themselves, to audit their own local transport facilities.

Several other documents were produced as part of the project. The Summary Report brings together the findings of 19 individual Audit Reports and sets out three key recommendations:

Firstly, that 'Active Travel Hubs' – centres that would provide a variety of services to bike users (e.g. bike hire, bike repair, or advice on cycle routes) – be established at all key transport interchanges.

Secondly, the establishment of an 'Active Travel Friendly' Standard, an award given to consistent and well thought-out facilities.

Thirdly, the appointment of an 'Active Travel Architect' for the design of new or redeveloped major public transport facilities to ensure best practice is met.



Detailed Audit Reports have been published for these 11 transport interchanges:

- Dundee Seagate Bus Station
- Edinburgh Bus Station
- Edinburgh Waverley Railway Station
- Fort William Railway Station
- Glasgow Buchanan Bus Station
- Inverness Bus Station
- Inverness Railway Station
- Perth Leonard Bus Station
- Perth Railway Station
- Stirling Bus Station
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For the following three locations, the Audit Reports assess 'Sustainable Transport Hubs' with more than one mode of transport:

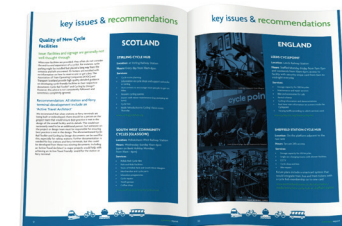
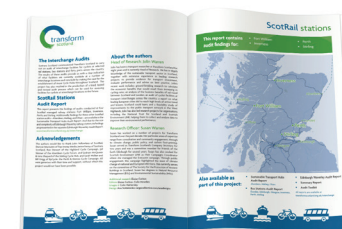
- Aberdeen (Bus Station, Railway Station, and Ferry Terminal)
- Mallaig (Railway Station and Ferry Terminal)
- Oban (Bus Station, Railway Station, and Ferry Terminal)

Three 'Thematic Reports' have also been prepared, grouping the audit findings across three topics:

- Bus Stations Report (Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverness, Perth, and Stirling bus stations)
- ScotRail Stations Report (Fort William, Inverness, Perth, and Stirling railway stations)
- Sustainable Transport Hubs Report (Aberdeen bus, rail and ferry; Mallaig rail and ferry; Oban bus, rail and ferry)

All these documents are available on our website at <http://www.transformscotland.org.uk/interchange>

We're pleased that some of our findings are already being taken forward by Abellio as part of the new ScotRail franchise. Much work remains, however, and we look forward to future work with bus, rail and ferry operators to deliver better bike/rail interchange.







# Social Enterprise



Transform Scotland needs to fundraise to maintain its position as an independent campaigning charity. Over the last year, we have moved into the sphere of social enterprise in order to improve Transform's financial position. We have now set up two social enterprise initiatives, and we would welcome any assistance in acquiring commissions that could help fund our campaigning.

## TRAC UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH/EUSA BIKE HIRE SCHEME

We are providing expertise in project management and business planning to help the University of Edinburgh and the Edinburgh University Students' Association (EUSA) launch a new bike hire scheme.

A pilot scheme was launched in February 2015 with 20 first year students. We are now preparing a detailed business case and preparing for implementation of the full bike hire scheme in September 2015.

The bike hire scheme is part of Cycling Scotland's initiative to develop a new Cycle Friendly Campus Award. The University of Edinburgh is one of five higher education institutions selected to assist Cycling Scotland with the development of the Award. The bike hire scheme aims to test innovative ways of encouraging and supporting cycling amongst students.



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