

[STPR2 Consultation](#), Spokes response, April 2022

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Submitted to Second Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR2)

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STPR2 Process

1 Were you aware of STPR2 prior to this consultation?

Please select your answer from the dropdown list:

Yes

2 To what extent do you agree or disagree that the STPR2 process reflects the NTS2 Priorities and Outcomes?

Please select your answer from the dropdown list:

Agree

3 Please provide any further comments you have in relation to the STPR2 process.

Please provide further comments:

4 To what extent do you agree or disagree that it was correct to take both a Regional and National approach to STPR2?

Please select your answer from the dropdown list:

Agree

5 Please provide any further comments:

Please provide further comments:

6 To what extent do you agree or disagree that the engagement process has allowed you to provide a contribution to STPR2?

Please select your answer from the dropdown list:

Agree

7 Please provide any further comments you have on the engagement carried out throughout STPR2.

Please provide further comments:

Key Themes

8 Which of the overall key themes is your / your organisation's top priority?

Please select your answer from the dropdown list:

Improving active travel infrastructure

9 Which of the overall key themes is your / your organisation's lowest priority?

Please select your answer from the dropdown list:

Strengthening strategic connections

1. STPR2 Key Themes and Recommendations

10 To what extent do you agree or disagree that the recommendations under this theme will contribute to Improving Active Travel Infrastructure?

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 1. Connected neighbourhoods:

Strongly agree

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 2. Active freeways:

Strongly agree

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 3. Village-town active travel connections:

Strongly agree

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 4. Connecting towns by active travel:

Strongly agree

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 5. Long distance active travel network:

Strongly agree

11 Which of these recommendations would you prioritise to contribute to Improving Active Travel Infrastructure?

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 1. Connected neighbourhoods:

High Priority

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 2. Active freeways:

High Priority

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 3. Village-town active travel connections:

Medium Priority

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 4. Connecting towns by active travel:

High Priority

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 5. Long distance active travel network:

Medium Priority

12 Do the recommendations under this theme address the transport needs of your local or regional area or the people your organisation represents?

Please select your answer from the dropdown list:

Yes

13 Please provide any additional comments you have on the theme Improving Active Travel Infrastructure and the recommendations within

it.

Please provide further comments:

We believe the highest priority should be given to the creation of high quality active travel networks in Scotland's cities, as this is where there is the

greatest potential for modal shift.

However, we also note that, were money to be reallocated from climate change-driving projects such as trunk road capacity increases, there would easily

be enough money in the transport budget to achieve all of the recommendations listed here relatively quickly.

2. Influencing Travel Choices and Behaviours

14 To what extent do you agree or disagree that the recommendations under this theme contribute to Influencing Travel Choices and Behaviours?

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 6. Behaviour change initiatives:

Neither agree nor disagree

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 7. Changing road user behaviour:

Neither agree nor disagree

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 8. Increasing active travel to school:

Strongly agree

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 9. Improving access to bikes:

Strongly agree

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 10. Expansion of 20mph limits and zones:

Strongly agree

15 Which of these recommendations would you prioritise to contribute to Influencing Travel Choices and Behaviours?

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 6. Behaviour change initiatives:

Low Priority

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 7. Changing road user behaviour:

Low Priority

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 8. Increasing active travel to school:

High Priority

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High Priority

16 Do the recommendations under this theme address the transport needs of your local or regional area or the people your organisation represents?

Please select your answer from the dropdown list:

Yes

17 Please provide any additional comments you have on the theme Influencing Travel Choices and Behaviours and the recommendations

within it.

Please provide further comments:

We are not aware of anywhere in the world which has achieved rapid and significant modal shift from private car use towards sustainable transport

without the prominent use of demand management policies (such as London's congestion charge).

Whilst the "carrots" listed here are welcome, they will be most effective if demand management "sticks", such as road pricing, are also implemented.

Our previous submission to the 20% reduction in vehicle-kilometres route map is also relevant here:

<http://www.spokes.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2204-20-carkm-reduction-Spokes-response.pdf>

3. Enhancing Access to Affordable Public Transport

18 To what extent do you agree or disagree that the recommendations under this theme contribute to Enhancing Access to Affordable Public

Transport

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 11. Clyde Metro:

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 12. Edinburgh & South East Scotland Mass Transit:

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 13. Aberdeen Rapid Transit:

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 14. Provision of strategic bus priority measures:

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 15. Highland Mainline rail corridor enhancements:

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 16. Perth- Dundee- Aberdeen rail corridor enhancements:

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 17. Edinburgh/Glasgow – Perth/Dundee rail corridor enhancements:

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 18. Supporting integrated journeys at ferry terminals:

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 19. Infrastructure to provide access for all at railway stations:

Strongly agree

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 20. Investment in DRT and MaaS:

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 21. Improved public transport passenger interchange facilities:

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 22. Framework for delivery of mobility hubs:

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 23. Smart, integrated public transport ticketing:

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20 Do the recommendations under this theme address the transport needs of your local or regional area or the people your organisation represents?

Please select your answer from the dropdown list:

Don't Know / No Opinion

21 Please provide any additional comments you have on the theme Enhancing Access to Affordable Public Transport and the recommendations within it

Please provide further comments:

It is disgraceful that there are still train platforms which are inaccessible to people using wheelchairs or handcycles, and fixing this should be an urgent

priority. Fixing this will also, of course, benefit many non-disabled people (such as non-disabled cyclists and anyone carrying heavy suitcases or pushing a

pram).

4. Decarbonising Transport

22 To what extent do you agree or disagree that the recommendations under this theme contribute to Decarbonising Transport?

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 24. Ferry vessel renewal and replacement and progressive decarbonisation:

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 25. Rail decarbonisation:

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 26. Decarbonisation of bus network:

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 27. Behaviour change and modal shift for freight:

Strongly agree

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 28. Zero emissions vehicles and infrastructure transition:

Neither agree nor disagree

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24 Do the recommendations under this theme address the transport needs of your local or regional area or the people your organisation represents?

Please select your answer from the dropdown list:

Yes

25 Please provide any additional comments you have on the theme Decarbonising Transport and the recommendations within it.

Please provide further comments:

Decarbonising private car use only mitigates a couple of the many problems which car dependency causes. Electric vehicles must not be seen as a

panacea, and do nothing to reduce congestion, improve road safety or reduce transport inequality. It is still far better to enable modal shift to sustainable

modes of transport such as active travel, and doing so must be prioritised.

Shifting to freight should be enabled by reopening and building railway lines, such as between Dumfries and Stranraer. This should be done instead of,

not in addition to, trunk road capacity increases.

5. Increasing Safety and Resilience on the Strategic Transport Network

26 To what extent do you agree or disagree that the recommendations under this theme contribute to Increasing Safety and Resilience on the

Strategic Transport Network?

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 29. Access to Argyll A83:

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 30. Trunk road and motorway safety Improvements:

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 31. Trunk road and motorway network climate change adaption and resilience:

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 32. Trunk road and motorway network renewal for reliability, resilience and safety:

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 33, 34, 35 Enhancing Intelligent Transport Systems:

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 36. Strategy for improving rest and welfare facilities for hauliers,:

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 37. Improving active travel on trunk roads through communities:

Strongly agree

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 38. Speed management plan:

Strongly agree

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High Priority

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28 Do the recommendations under this theme address the transport needs of your local or regional area or the people your organisation represents?

Please select your answer from the dropdown list:

29 Please provide any additional comments you have on the theme Increasing Safety and Resilience on the Strategic Transport Network and

the recommendations within it.

Please provide further comments:

An important, and often overlooked, point is the consideration of people who currently do not walk or cycle on certain routes due to a fear for their safety. These people do not show up in the safety statistics, but must be taken into account. For example, very few people cycle along the A702, so a naive

look at its safety record will make it seem safe for cyclists, when it is actually terrifyingly unsafe.

The people who would use a road if it were made safer, must be taken into account in the Speed Management Plan and other road safety work. That

means installing average speed cameras on all trunk roads, reducing speed limits where necessary, and taking action against drivers who endanger

vulnerable road users.

6. Strengthening Strategic Connections

30 To what extent do you agree or disagree that the recommendations under this theme contribute to Strengthening Strategic Connections?

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 39. Sustainable access to Grangemouth Investment Zone:

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 40. Access to Stranraer and ports at Cairnryan:

Strongly Disagree

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 41. Potential fixed links in Outer Hebrides and Mull:

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 42. Investment in ports infrastructure:

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 43. Major station masterplans:

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 44. Rail freight terminals:

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 45. High speed and cross border rail enhancements:

31 Which of these recommendations would you prioritise to contribute to Strengthening Strategic Connections?

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 39. Sustainable access to Grangemouth Investment Zone:

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - 40. Access to Stranraer and ports at Cairnryan:

Do not support this recommendation

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32 Do the recommendations under this theme address the transport needs of your local or regional area or the people your organisation represents?

Please select your answer from the dropdown list:

Don't Know / No Opinion

33 Please provide any additional comments you have on the theme Strengthening Strategic Connections and the recommendations within it.

Please provide further comments:

Capacity increases on trunk roads such as the A75 and A77 are poor investments. The money would be better spent on:

* A Dumfries-Stranraer railway line.

* Average speed cameras on the A75 and A77, which would improve the safety record for a fraction of the cost, as demonstrated by the similar A9

scheme

STPR2 Recommendations and other Scottish Government Policy

34 Prior to this consultation were you aware of the list of Scottish Government policies below, which STPR2 aligns with and supports?

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - Take action against climate change:

Yes

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - Decarbonising transport:

Yes

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - Reducing car use:

Yes

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - Encouraging greater walking, wheeling and cycling:

Yes

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - Addressing inequalities, such as: Child poverty:

Yes

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - Addressing inequalities, such as: Affordability of transport:

Yes

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - Addressing inequalities, such as: Access to transport:

Yes

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - Transport as an enabler of inclusive economic growth:

Yes

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - Providing a safe transport system:

Yes

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - Providing a reliable and resilient transport system:

Yes

35 Prior to this consultation were you aware of the Scottish Government policy documents to which STPR2 aligns with and supports?

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - National Transport Strategy 2 (NTS2):

Yes

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - National Planning Framework (NPF4):

Yes

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - Climate Change Plan Update & Route Map:

Yes

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - Infrastructure Investment Plan:

Yes

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - Cleaner Air for Scotland 2 & Delivery Plan:

Yes

Please select your answer from the dropdown list - National Performance Framework:

Yes

36 To what extent do you agree or disagree that the STPR2 recommendations reflect and will contribute to the aims of government policy?

Please select your answer from the dropdown list:

Agree

37 Please provide any additional comments you have on the STPR2 recommendations' contribution to Government policy.

Please provide further comments:

Road capacity increases, do not contribute to the policies in:

Climate Change Plan

Cleaner Air for Scotland

The commitment to reduce vehicle-kilometres by 20%.

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) & Other Impact Assessments

38 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the overall findings of the SEA?

Please select your answer from the dropdown list:

39 The SEA has reviewed plans, policies and programmes relevant to STPR2. Are there any other plans, policies and programmes that should

be considered?

Please select your answer from the dropdown list:

If yes, please provide further comments:

40 The SEA sets out the current national and regional baseline environment conditions and future trends. Do you have any comments on this

baseline data?

Please select your answer from the dropdown list:

If yes, please provide further comments:

41 Are there any particular issues, problems or opportunities you would like to mention that have not been captured within the SEA?

Please select your answer from the dropdown list:

If yes, please provide further comments:

42 Please provide any comments on the findings of the Equality Impact Assessment.

Please provide further comments:

43 Please provide any comments on the findings of the Island Communities Impact Assessment.

Please provide further comments:

44 Please provide any comments on the findings of the Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment.

Please provide further comments:

45 Please provide any comments on the Child Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment.

Please provide further comments:

About you

1 What is your name?

Name:

David French

2 Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?

Organisation

3 What is your organisation?

Organisation:

Spokes, the Lothian cycle campaign

7 What is your Local Authority Area?

Please enter your Local Authority Area below:

City of Edinburgh

8 The Scottish Government would like your permission to publish your consultation response. Please indicate your publishing preference:

Publish response only (without name)

9 We will share your response internally with other Transport Scotland policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may

wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Transport Scotland to contact you again

in relation to this consultation exercise?

Yes

10 I confirm that I have read the privacy policy and consent to the data I provide being used as set out in the policy.

I consent

Evaluation

1 Please help us improve our consultations by answering the questions below. (Responses to the evaluation will not be published.)

Matrix 1 - How satisfied were you with this consultation?:

Slightly satisfied

Please enter comments here.:

Matrix 1 - How would you rate your satisfaction with using this platform (Citizen Space) to respond to this consultation?:

Slightly satisfied

Please enter comments here.: