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 Date: 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

**4TH GENERATION TERM CONTRACT FOR MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SCOTTISH TRUNK ROAD NETWORK – NORTH WEST UNIT  
 A83 & A85 PLANNED MAINTENANCE – CARRIAGEWAY RESURFACING**

BEAR Scotland, on behalf of Transport Scotland, are planning to carry out essential carriageway resurfacing works on both the A85 at several locations near Oban and on the A83 at Minard during the same time period. To minimise disruption both work locations are programmed overnight, commencing on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2021 for 10 nights. Unfortunately, due to the constraints presented at A83 Minard, for the first two nights, amnesties will not be provided and motorists must follow the diversion via the A85. During this time, road users may experience some delays as there will be a convoy system in place at A85 East of Achna cloich. Please refer to the below table for further details relating to each respective site. Location plans and diversion have been included for clarity.

Location of Works	Duration	Work Hours	Traffic Management
A83 Minard	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> July (1 Night)	20:00hrs – 05:00hrs	Road Closure Type B
A83 Minard	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July (1 Night)	20:00hrs – 23:00hrs 23:00hrs – 05:00hrs	Road Closure Type A <b>Road Closure Type B</b>
A83 Minard	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July (8 Nights)	20:00hrs – 05:00hrs	Road Closure Type A
A85 East of Achna cloich	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July (2 Nights)	20:00hrs – 05:00hrs	Convoy
A85 East of Connel	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> July (4 Nights)	20:00hrs – 05:00hrs	Road Closure Type A
A85 Achna cloich Railway Bridge	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July (1 Night)	20:00hrs – 05:00hrs	<b>Road Closure Type B</b>
A85 Airds Bay	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July (2 Nights)	20:00hrs – 05:00hrs	Road Closure Type A
A85 Cruachan Dam	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July (1 Night)	20:00hrs – 05:00hrs	Road Closure Type A

**Road Closure Type A** – It will be necessary to close the A83 and A85 as through routes at the above Type A sites between 20:00hrs and 05:00hrs each night. As a result, amnesty periods will be provided at the following times: **21:00hrs, 22:00hrs, 00:00hrs, 02:00hrs and 04:00hrs**. Motorists are encouraged to arrive prior to these times to ensure they are accommodated within the amnesty period. Local access and access for emergency services will be maintained at all times.

**Road Closure Type B** – Due to the carriageway reducing to a single lane at both A83 Minard and A85 Achna cloich Railway Bridge, a Type B road closure is required to ensure the new material is not compromised by trafficking. As such, the A83 and A85 will be closed as through routes as per the above dates and timings. Please note, these Type B closures have been programmed so as to not conflict with one another and to ensure access can be maintained with minimal delay via the diversion routes. **No amnesties will be provided during these Type B Closure works. Although, access for emergency vehicles will be maintained.**

Motorists travelling between Inveraray and Lochgilphead, a signed diversion route will be in place via the A819, A85 and A816, adding an additional 50 miles / 75 minutes to road user journeys.

Motorists travelling between Connel and Tyndrum, a signed diversion route will be in place via the A82 and A828, adding an additional 60 miles/ 90 minutes to road user journeys.

Out with working hours the traffic management will be removed, and a 30mph speed limit will be in place at each respective resurfacing site to ensure vehicles can safely pass over the temporary road surface.

The working hours have been proposed in line with the government guidance in order to minimise disruption to road users as far as reasonably practical. We appreciate operating resurfacing works of this nature on two separate routes at the same time can be disruptive and as such, we have programmed so as to minimise the impact on road users, where possible. BEAR Scotland, on behalf of Transport Scotland would like to take this opportunity to thank motorists for their patience in advance of these planned works.

The safety of maintenance workers remains a top priority during this project and strict physical distancing protocols, in line with Scottish Government guidance, will be in place to ensure all on-site personnel remain safe throughout the duration of the project. Robust risk assessments have been completed to ensure all staff are kept safe.

If you have any questions either before or during the works, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Wallace or Ruraidh Macleod, via email at [NWConsultation@bearsotland.co.uk](mailto:NWConsultation@bearsotland.co.uk).

Yours Faithfully,



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**Enc.** 21-NW-0103-047-001 – Location Plan  
21-NW-0103-086-001 – Location Plan  
20-NW-0801-046-002 – Diversion Plan  
20-NW-0801-046-003 – Combined Location Plan

20-NW-0103-140-001 – Location Plan  
20-NW-0103-140-002 – Diversion Plan