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Dear Sir/Madam

**4TH GENERATION TERM CONTRACT FOR MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE
SCOTTISH TRUNK ROAD NETWORK – NORTH WEST UNIT
A85 TAYNUILT EAST - PLANNED MAINTENANCE**

BEAR Scotland on behalf of Transport Scotland, are planning to carry out essential carriageway resurfacing works on the A85 east of Taynuilt from Thursday 12th May to Thursday 19th May 2022, between the hours of 8pm and 5am each night, with no works planned for Friday or Saturday nights. A location plan and diversion plan are enclosed for geographical clarity.

Unfortunately, due to restricted carriageway widths within the scheme extents, we have no alternative option but to close the A85 as a through route, to ensure the safety of both the work force and travelling members of the public. A diversion will be in place via the A82 and A828 to Ballachulish, adding an additional 30 miles and 40 minutes to journey times between Tyndrum and Connel. There is a height restriction of 4.2m (13'9") on the diversion route at the Connel Bridge. Therefore, vehicles exceeding this height should advance to the closure points where they will be stacked until the next available amnesty. Amnesty periods will be provided at: **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 will be maintained where safe to do so.

Local access will be maintained where possible and deemed safe to do so. Access for emergency services will be maintained at all times throughout the works. Outwith working hours traffic management will be removed, although road users must drive with care as they will be running on a temporary surface.

The working hours have been proposed overnight in order to minimise disruption to road users as far as reasonably possible whilst ensuring productivity. Loudest activities such as planing and jackhammering will cease by 11pm each night. We would like to take this opportunity to thank motorists and residents 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 require any further information or would like to comment on any of the proposed works please do not hesitate to contact us by email at NWConsultation@bearsotland.co.uk. The closing date is Wednesday 4th May.

Yours Faithfully,

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For and on behalf of BEAR Scotland
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22/NW/0103/098/001 – A85 Diversion Plan
22/NW/0103/098/002 – A85 Taynuilt East Location Plan