

# Stromeferry Road Rockworks Autumn 2018

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# Reason for the Works

## Annual Inspection Finding – Specialist Inspection - Aecom

A summary of the works currently recommended to be completed by the end of 2019 is given in Table 3, in order of priority. It is anticipated that the next phase of scheduled biennial maintenance/remedial works will be carried out in the summer of 2019 and AECOM would welcome early discussions with THC on the potential budget and scope of these works.

**Table 3. Maintenance / remedial works to be carried out before the end of 2019**

Slope	Risk Ranking	Recommended remedial works
AA18* (*Discussions with Network Rail to be help in 2017 on practicalities of undertaking works in 2018)	19.2 / Very High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Replace existing inadequate draped netting with a new active netting system (e.g. Tecco mesh) and associated spot dowels where required.</li></ul>

**Capital Allocation Approved at Full Council on the 7 March 2018**

**£1.288M in 2018/19 – note monies in future years.**

**2018 Report – Just Arrived – under Review**

# The Works - red completed/ongoing

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**Install Road Rail Diversion (including relaying new tracks)**

**Remove Drape Netting**

**Remove Vegetation**

**Scale Rock Face**

**Light scale - daytime**

**Light scale – 5 night time operations from Monday**

**Bolt Rock Face**

**Structural Netting System**

**Remove Road Rail Diversion**

# Why we need the Road





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# Why we need the Road –Extra Protection



# The Road Rail Bypass





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# Pre- Works Consultations

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- Roads Authorities
- Rail Bodies
- Emergency Services
- Public Transport
- Council Members
- Community Councils
- School Transport
- The Wider Community

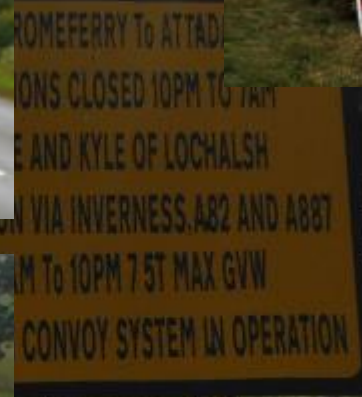
# Pre- Works Notifications

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- Ward Business meetings
- Lochcarron Village Hall Drop In Session
- Web Site
- Posters
- Timetables
- Press Releases
- Publicised Traffic Order



# Signing



# The Timetable

## Route Closed to greater than 7.5T and Length Restrictions

**Note This  
Sunday – 30  
September**

Stromeferry Rock Works—September to November 2018 Road to Rail Diversion Operating Timetable (Issued 10.08.18)					
Monday to Saturday—(based on published train schedule)					
*0710 to 1030	1135 to 1155	**1425 to 1520	1625 to 1700	***1750 to 1935	2040 to 2200
Sundays - (based on published train schedule)					
To 30th Sept	0710 to 1010	1115 to 1300	1350 to 1500	1605 to 1955	2045 to 2200
Sundays - (based on published train schedule)					
From 7th Oct	0710 to 1300	1350 to 1500	1605 to 2200		
<p>Variations in timetable may occur if trains do not run to schedule.  <a href="http://www.highland.gov.uk">www.highland.gov.uk</a> and search for Stromeferry Bypass.            For day time enquiries contact The Highland Council on 01349 886601—Out of hours contact The Highland Council on 01349 886690.            Please refer to both sides of this card.</p>					

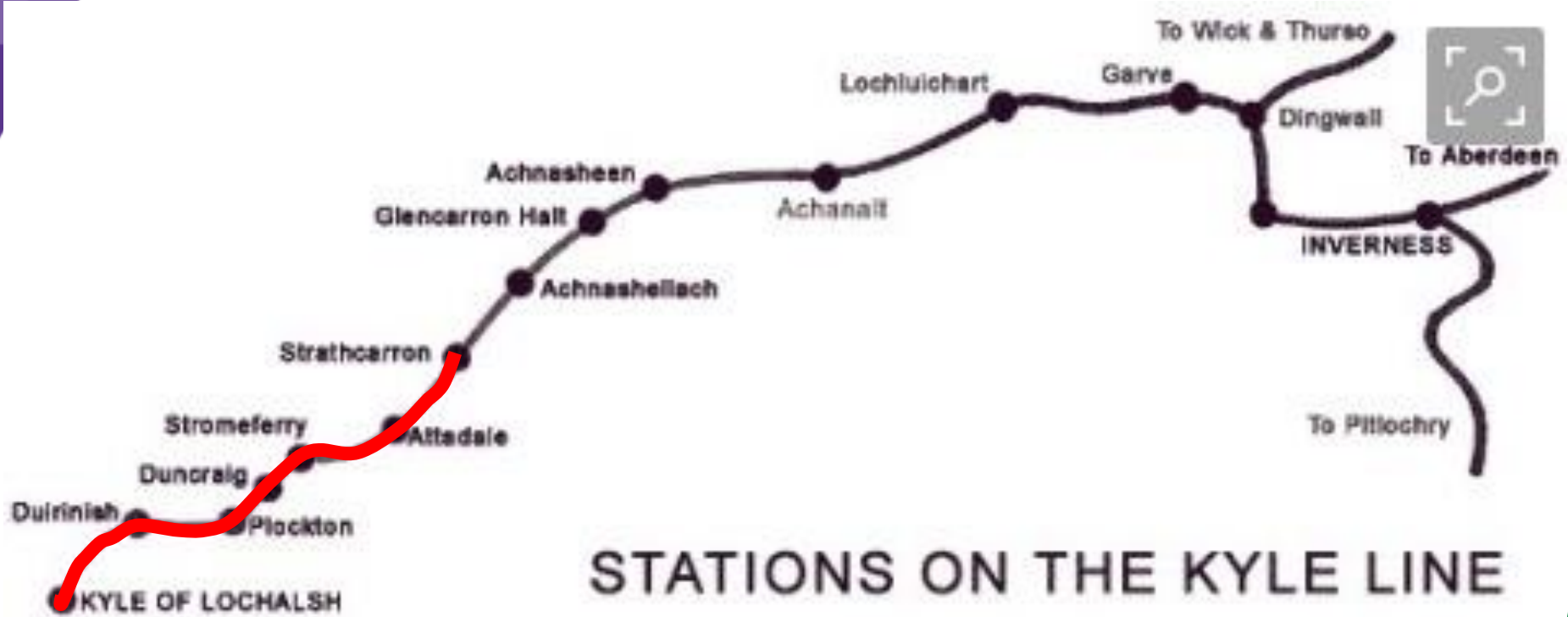
Special trains not on the Scot Rail schedule				
	Standard opening		Special opening	Special opening
**18th September	1425 to 1520		Road Opening Deleted	
*19th September	0710 to 1030		0710 to 0825	0940 to 1030
**25th September	1425 to 1520		Road Opening Deleted	
*26th September	0710 to 1030		0710 to 0825	0940 to 1030
**2nd October	1425 to 1520		Road Opening Deleted	
*3rd October	0710 to 1030		0710 to 0825	0940 to 1030
***9th October	1750 to 1935		Road Opening Deleted	
*10th October	0710 to 1030		0810 to 1030	
**15th October	1425 to 1520		Road Opening Deleted	
*16th October	0710 to 1030		0710 to 0825	0940 to 1030
We are sorry for any inconvenience caused during this essential work to the rock face.				



# The Bypass – Trains then cars



# Trains and the Token System



The Token is from Strathcarron to Kyle of Lochalsh  
c40 minutes

# The Construction Contract

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- Awarded to TRAC – Specialist Contractor
- Road to Rail Construction – 2 weeks – started 3 September
- Road to Rail Operation Started – 17 September
- RETB Network Rail Operative 7am to 10pm + 5 night time closures
- Works programmed to be Completed 23 November



# All the Planning - Delays



# Delays



# Issues Actioned

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Approach Traffic Information Signs –  
4 ½ Hour Delays Possible

Queuing Traffic – Next Open Slot –  
VMS Sign

Toilet Facilities



Communications – Press Releases,  
Phone Line, Sat Nav Providers - BBC



# Ongoing Issues

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**Network Rail and the Rail Line**

**Current Timetable and Works**

**School Transport**

**Signage**

**Emergency Services**

**Other Issues**

# Network Rail and Rail Line

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- **NR Work with the Council**
- **Special Trains**
- **Weight/Size Limit**
- **Manual Halting Trains**
- **Holding/Delaying Trains**
- **Halt at Strathcarron – onto Buses**
- **Operate Like a level Crossing**

# Current Timetable and Works

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- **Traffic Management team not Working to Published Timetable**
- **Extend the Slots and Extra Slots**
- **Appreciation of the Delays/Activities delayed/cancelled**
- **Published Start and End Times –**
  - **Track check**
  - **East/West Priority**
  - **In reality times not achievable**
- **Real Time Delayed Trains issue**



# School Transport

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- **School Bus Certainty (Special Trains)**
- **School Bus Priority**
- **Delayed Children – Welfare Issues**
- **Evening – out of Hours Activities**

# Signage

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- **Far too Complicated**
- **Clear Messages**
- **Sign it as Closed – For Local Traffic Only**
- **Next Opening Signs Moved to just after Strathcarron Junction and Strome ferry Viewpoint**
- **Weight Limit Signs Missing at Strathcarron End**

# Emergency Services

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**What are the Plans –  
Effectively closed**

**Emergency Services provided  
from each side**

# Other Issues

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- **Update on Long Term Plans**
- **Patients – Longer Journeys to Inverness**
- **Traffic Count Figures**
- **Can daily/weekly Site updates be made available**



# Extend Overnight Working

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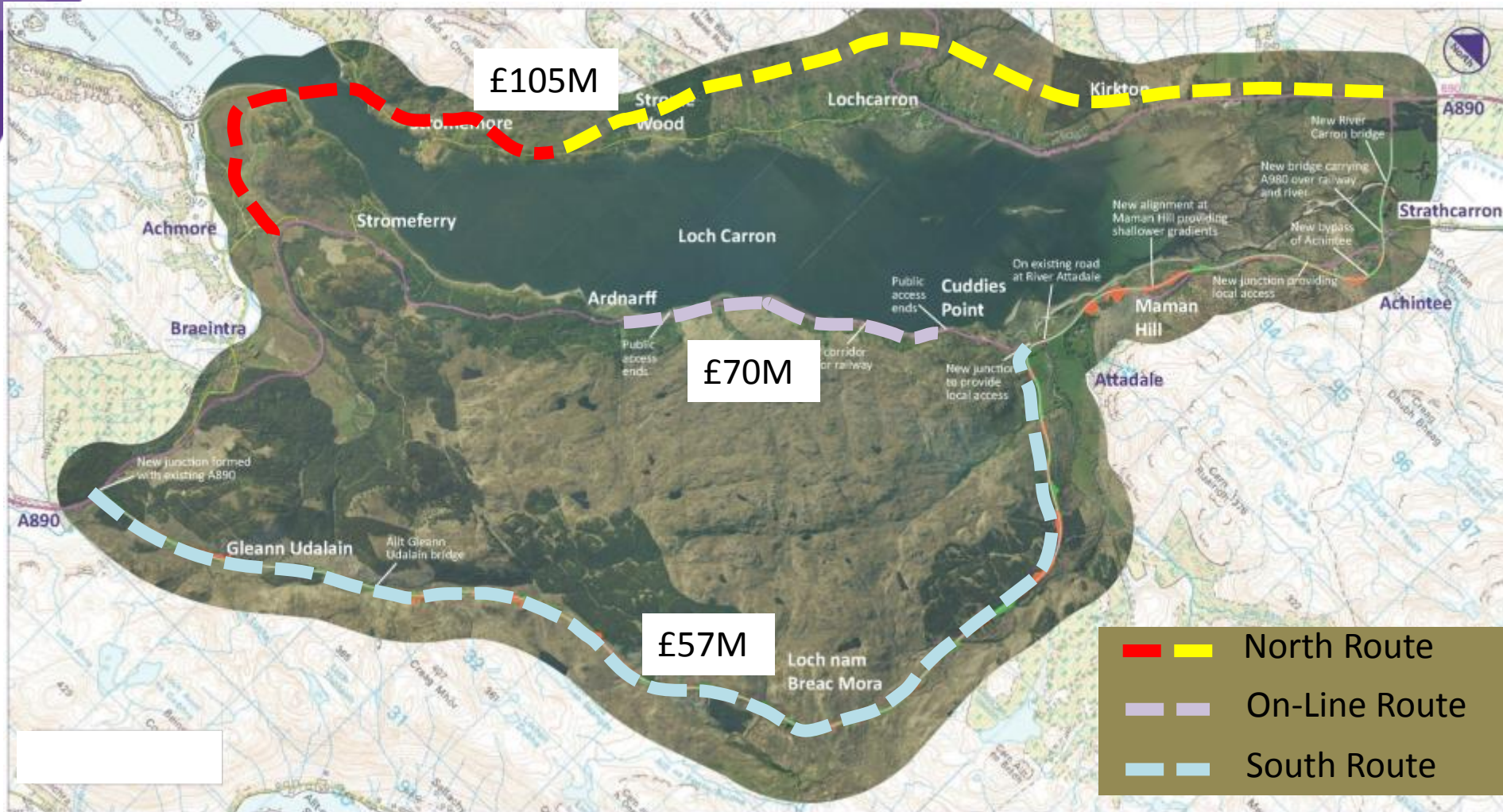
- **5 Night time work Sessions**
- **Lack of Radio Electronic Token Block Resource – working two shifts 7am to 10 pm.**
- **Safety and Night Working**
- **Night Time Productivity**

# Solutions ? - Your Views

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- **Terminate Train at Strathcarron use Mini Buses**
  - **Which ones most effective**
  - **Lobby Transport Scotland**
- **Ensure School Transport Priority – especially when evening special trains**
- **School Special Measures when special train**
- **Extra Trains for the School Run**
- **Sign the Road for Local Access Only**
- **Passenger Ferry**
- **Other**
- **Extended Night Time Working**
- **Additional Token terminating at Strome ferry**

# Long Term Solution -STAG



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- **Committee Supported 3 Route Corridor Options**
- **STAG Submitted to the Transport Minister**
  - **Awaiting a Decision**
- **Capital Programme Review in March 2018 –2022/23**
  - **Ongoing Rock Slope - £2.318M**
  - **Stromeferry Bypass - £0**



# Your Views

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