

Briefing for the Public Petitions Committee

Petition Number: [PE1846](#)

Main Petitioner: Louise Glen

Subject: Upgrade the A82

Calls on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to upgrade the A82.

Background

The A82 trunk road runs between the Dalnottar Interchange near Kilpatrick and the Longman Roundabout in Inverness, passing through Tarbet, Crianlarich, Tyndrum and Fort William – a distance of 160 miles. As with all trunk roads, this section of the A82 is owned by Scottish Ministers and managed by Transport Scotland. Between Inverness and Balloch the road is maintained by BEAR Scotland and between Balloch and the Dalnottar Interchange by amey.

Between the Dalnottar Interchange and Glasgow, the A82 is a local road with sections managed by West Dunbartonshire Council and Glasgow City Council, where it is better known as Great Western Road.

Scottish Government Action

Transport Scotland has completed a number of improvement projects to short sections of the A82 over the last decade, including the [Crianlarich Bypass](#) and the removal of the single lane section at [Pulpit Rock](#). Other projects are currently in the planning/development stage, principally upgrades to the section between [Tarbet and Inveranan](#) and [the Longman Roundabout](#).

Scottish Government trunk road investment priorities for the next 20 years will be set out in the [second Strategic Transport Projects Review](#), the results of which will be published in two phases. The first phase will focus on shorter term projects that can be delivered within three years and support the recovery from COVID-19, details should be published soon. The second phase will focus on longer term developments, for delivery over the next 20 years, and is due to be published in autumn 2021.

Scottish Parliament Action

The Scottish Parliament has not considered the upgrade of the A82 in any detail in recent years.

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