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To The Convener

RE: Montrose Station facilities

During my appearance at the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee meeting on 24 January 2019, Mr Liam Kerr MSP raised concerns about the lack of facilities and the necessity for a general upgrade at Montrose Station.

I committed to provide an update of what actions were planned to be taken and their associated timescales.

In recognition of Montrose becoming a pivotal station for transport integration Transport Scotland has been working closely with ScotRail to identify and evaluate facilities which required to be refurbished or replaced. This will be part of the wider Revolution in Rail facilities upgrade programme which includes improvements at several other stations in the region.

I can now confirm the proposals for facilities upgrade at Montrose will include the following;

- Installation of new shelters,
- Refurbishment of the waiting room,
- Upgrade of station seating
- Upgrade of station toilets,
- Additional Customer Information Screens (CIS)
- Installation of improved CCTV facilities.

It is envisaged these enhancements will be funded in the main through the Service Quality Incentive Regime (SQUIRE) Fund. I expect the formal proposals from ScotRail to be with Transport Scotland for our consideration and agreement within the next few weeks.

As such we do not yet have a definitive delivery programme, however it is likely the overall works will commence after April this year. Once the plan of works has been agreed I will confirm where Montrose sits within the delivery programme.

I trust you find this reply helpful and the actions being proposed provide reassurance that facilities at Montrose will see an improvement in the near future.



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