

Creating a sustainable transport network for Inverness

In 2019, The Highland Council declared a climate emergency. The Scottish Government has a target to be net zero and to achieve a 20% reduction in car kilometres by 2030.

The need for better public transport provision and active travel infrastructure is critical and urgent.

The proposed new bus and emergency service vehicle-only connection will be funded by Transport Scotland through the Bus Partnership Fund; a collaboration between The Highland Council, NHS Highland, HITRANS, Stagecoach and Shiel Buses.

Transport Scotland has awarded the Bus Partnership Fund £2.71 million to investigate the best ways to prioritise buses through congested parts of the Inverness and Fort William network.

This proposal for a new connection at Raigmore is part of the vision of the overall transport strategy for Inner Moray Firth to prioritise buses at known congestion points i.e. Inshes and Raigmore.

This new connection is a strategically important element to link to the wider bus priority network in Inverness which includes Inverness Campus Bus Only North Bridge, Inverness Campus Bus Lane to Culloden Road and Millburn Road to Raigmore Estate.

Inverness is set to become the first place in Scotland to have a city bus network operated entirely by electric vehicles. Soon, residents of Inverness and the Highlands who need to access vital public services such as the NHS, will be able to do so more easily and more sustainably.