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The design of an alignment for the A82 between Tarbert and Inverarnan will begin next year. A series of surveys are set to take place between 2013 and 2015 which will inform options for this alignment.

The survey work seeks to provide information to inform the development of a more extensive upgrade of the route.

Further information

For more information on the planned improvement works, please visit the following:

Pulpit Rock – http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/projects/a82-pulpit-improvement-1

Crianlarich Bypass – http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/projects/a82-crianlarich-bypass

A83 Rest and Be Thankful – http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/maintenance/prioritising-and-maintaining/

The A83 road works connect Tarbert, across a section from the A83, through Argyll and Bute to the busy part of Kenacraig in the Kintyre peninsula.

The A82 upgrade plans describe how the road, closing the road and forcing traffic to be diverted via the A82, through Argyll and Bute, adding 26 miles to the journey.

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The A819 continues south to the A90 near Dundee. The A85 continues north to the A90 near Perth.

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Transforming the A82

The A82 is a vital artery for communication in the western Highlands and into Fort William, the Highlands and the Western Isles with Glasgow and the Central Belt.

Road traffic is a major component of the route, and is known to have a negative impact on the environment.

In June 2011 the Scottish Government published a report titled ‘Balloch at the Southern End of Loch Lomond to Inverness – Transforming the A82’, which set out a plan to improve the A82 in Scotland. The report identified a number of measures to reduce congestion and improve road safety.

The project aims to improve the A82 in Scotland by creating a new 1.3km single two-lane carriageway road to the west of Crianlarich. This will provide a solution to the problems in the shape of a 2.5m minimum verge width; 7.3m wide with 1.0m hard strips; and 4.5m width. The new road will also help traffic, avoid the low bridges in the village.

A82: The project in detail Crianlarich Bypass

Crianlarich marks the junction where the A82 and the A85 trunk roads meet.

During the long summer season, many of the bridges in the village are not tolerant of the high traffic volumes during the construction period. The Made Order for the scheme were published on 13 September 2012 confirming the route the road will take and how much land is required. The Made Order for the works will be published on the Scottish Government’s website in the near future.

A82: The project in detail Pulpit Rock

The A82 at Pulpit Rock has offered a significant engineering challenge for decades. Although technically a single, two-carriageway section of the route, it is important to recognise that the unique topographical and geographic challenges posed by the road and its location will mean that many sections of the route date back to the 1920s and the majority of communities along the route are limited to one-way operation at times.

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A82: A historic link

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Why we’re here

An officer/assistant in charge of the Highlands and Islands, following the publication of a Notice of Altered Route (NAR) in 2010, the number of measures were identified to remove congestion and improve traffic flow. The project’s aims were to improve road safety.

Objectives for improvements to the A82 are to:

• Increase road capacity and traffic flow;
• Dispose of the use of traffic signals where possible;
• Whichever project is chosen for the location of the new road, it is important to note that the road will be completed after the road works are completed.

• Create a new, 1.3km single two-lane carriageway road to the west of Crianlarich.

Other measures, such as the upgrade of the A82 from Ballater to Inverness, will also help traffic flow, avoid the low bridges in the village.

Construction of the A85 – Crianlarich Bypass is expected to reach the site in the summer of 2013. Construction of the A82 at Pulpit Rock is expected to take around 2013.