

TAS Research Update:

RAIL

Borders Railway Evaluation

- Earlier in the year we published the findings from a baseline survey we commissioned of households and businesses on the Border rail link. At the same time we also published a process evaluation on the delivery of the project.
- We have just commissioned a year 1 survey of users and non users of the service (Contractor:PBA). This will report early in 2016.

National Rail Passenger Survey Review

- TAS has also been a member of the Transport Focus NRPS Expert Group which has advised on the refresh of the NRPS (survey changes go live from Spring 2017).

BUS

Bus Passenger Survey

- Transport Scotland along with bus operators and RTPS have provided funding to Transport Focus to run the Bus Passenger Survey in Scotland this autumn.

ROAD SAFETY

Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2020

- We're taking forward a number of in-house analysis project to support and monitor Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2020.

Road Safety Education Resources

- Earlier in the year we published an evaluation of the Ziggy / Early Years Road Safety Resource (Contractor: KSO).
- We are currently procuring an evaluation of 4 other Road Safety Scotland Educational Resources. The plan is to complete this evaluation by the end of March 2017.

ACTIVE TRAVEL

Review of Active Travel Policy

- In the next month we plan to publish the final report of a project reviewing SG active travel policy delivery at a local level (Contractor: SYSTRA (JMP)).

FERRIES

- In recent months we've published a number of evaluations of ferry projects / schemes including the Ardrossan-Campbeltown Service, and Mallaig to Lochboisdale service.
- There's on-going work evaluating Road Equivalent Tariff.

- At the moment we're actively involved in a number of research projects for ferries operating in and to / from the North Isles (PBA is carrying out a STAG appraisal of the Northern Isles ferry service).

CLIMATE CHANGE

- We've commissioned external analysis (from Element Energy) to model emissions from the transport sector, and potential emissions reduction from the sector to inform RPP3 / Climate Change progress monitoring.

CONSULTATION ANALYSIS

- We've also been involved in leading analysis of consultation responses to APD, proposals to introduce legislation for the mandatory use of seatbelts on dedicated school, and of Road Works Regulations.