

Appendix C –Sifted Options

As presented in Chapter 7, an extensive list of options was generated throughout the study and a process of option sifting has been undertaken. Examples of the types of options that were removed from the initial long options list as a result of the options sifting processes described in Chapter 7 is presented in the table below, alongside the most common reasons that options have been removed from further consideration at this stage.

Table C:1: Sifted Options

Option Examples	Reason for Sifting
Real-time bus information at bus stops and rail stations; New bus stops along routes; Cycle parking at bus stops; Electric and Low-Emission buses; Establish Bus Service Improvement Partnerships; Development of Car Clubs and promotion of Car Sharing Schemes; Specific local road junction improvement and traffic management proposals.	Option sifted due to being out of scope for this project; option is a Local Authority or Regional Transport Partnership led initiative.
Increased route maintenance on the A76; Improve road condition of the routes serving the ports; Improved lane markings; Installation of "Keep your Distance" traffic signs; Deer fences on the A709 at St Ann's; Remove bollards from the A76 Thornhill; Improved street lighting; Better maintenance of overgrown vegetation; Relocation of speed limit signs; Improved signage (including naming of Roundabouts).	Option sifted due to being out of scope for this project; option is a Trunk Road Operator Maintenance issue.
Install vehicle disembarkation order from ferries (motorcycles, cars then lorries).	Option sifted due to being out of scope for this project; option is a ferry operator issue.
Provision of bikes on buses services; Increased Sunday services; Improved integration of bus and train service (e.g. 500/X75 at Dumfries Rail Station).	Option sifted due to being out of scope for this project; option is a local bus operator issue.
Re-regulation of Bus Services; Longer term funding for the Smarter Choices Smarter Places Programme; Amending the bus pass qualifying age; Motorcycling Education Campaign; Development of Accident Reporting Apps; Free/Reduced Public Transport tickets for young people; Autonomous Vehicle and HGV Platooning Trials; MAAS; High Speed Rail Provision; Improved Broadband connectivity to reduce the need to travel.	Option sifted due to being out of scope for this project; option is a Scottish Government issue for consideration at a national level.
Freight Consolidation Centre; Freight Delivery and Servicing Plans; Free electricity to electrify rail lines; and Bikes on trains.	Option sifted due to being out of scope for this project; option requires actions which are not within the remit of Transport Scotland.
Create a Kilmarnock - Dumfries Community Rail Partnership.	Option sifted as the South West Community Rail Partnership already exists.
Support for a Strategic Transport Timber Fund.	Option sifted as it already exists at a national level.
Modal freight shift from road to rail; Improved connectivity; Ensure sufficient capacity at all stations; Enhance reliability of bus and rail services; Improved safety on strategic roads; Improved traffic flow on strategic roads; Retention of rural bus services; Faster routes leading to ports.	Option sifted as the intervention is an outcome of options rather than option in itself.
Development of Route/Corridor Action Plans	Option sifted as the development of route/ corridor Action Plans is part of the current roads authorities' remit.