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Yes



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**Overview**

The consultation is on the new draft National Transport Strategy (NTS) for Scotland, which aims to set out a compelling vision for the future of transport for the next twenty years.

**Why we are consulting**

We are consulting on the new draft National Transport Strategy to help determine whether the Strategy's Vision, Priorities and Outcomes are the right ones for our transport network for the next twenty years. We want to know if the policies contained in the Strategy are the right ones to help deliver it, and how the Strategy can continue to support what works well and address what does not work so well in our transport system. Your views will be key in helping to shape the kind of transport we want for the next two decades.

**NTS Consultation questions**

**Section A: The Vision, Priorities and Outcomes Framework**

**Vision**

We will have a sustainable, inclusive and accessible transport system, helping deliver a healthier, fairer and more prosperous Scotland for communities, businesses and visitors.

**Four priorities shown in bold,** each with three outcomes

**Promotes equality**

Will provide fair access to services we need

Will be easy to use for all

Will be affordable for all

**Takes climate action**

Will adapt to the effects of climate change

Will help deliver our net-zero target

Will promote greener, cleaner choices

**Helps our economy prosper**

Will get us where we need to get to

Will be reliable, efficient and high quality

Will use beneficial innovation

**Improves our health and wellbeing**

Will be safe and secure for all

Will enable us to make healthy travel choices

Will help make our communities great places to live

Q1: Is the Vision that is set out for the National Transport Strategy the right Vision for transport policy over the next 20 years?

 Yes [ ]  No [ ]

Please explain your answer

Q2a: Are the Priorities and Outcomes that the Strategy is trying to achieve the right Priorities and Outcomes for transport policy over the next 20 years?

 Yes [ ]  No [ ]

Please explain your answer

Q2b: Are some of these Priorities and Outcomes more important than others or are they equally important?

Please explain your answer

Q3: Are the Challenges the Strategy highlights in Chapter 3, the key Challenges for transport, or are there others the Strategy should focus on?

Please explain your answer

**Section B: The policies to deliver the NTS**

Through the process to develop the National Transport Strategy, 14 policies have been identified that will deliver its Prioritiesand Outcomes and address the Challenges. These are listed below:

* plan our transport system to cope with the effects of climate change
* continue to improve the reliability, safety and resilience of our transport system
* embed the implications for transport in spatial planning and land-use decision making
* integrate policies and infrastructure investment across the transport, energy and digital system
* provide a transport system which enables businesses to be competitive domestically, within the UK and internationally
* provide a high-quality transport system that integrates Scotland and recognises our different geographic needs
* improve the quality and availability of information to enable better transport choices
* embrace transport innovation that positively impacts on our society, environment and economy
* improve and enable the efficient movement of people and goods on our transport system
* provide a transport system that is equally accessible for all
* improve access to healthcare, employment, education and training opportunities to generate inclusive sustainable economic growth
* support the transport industry in meeting current and future employment and skills needs
* provide a transport system which promotes and facilitates travel choices which help to improve people’s health and wellbeing
* reduce the transport sector’s emissions to support our national objectives on air quality and climate change

Q4a: Are these the right policies to deliver the Priorities and Outcomes of the National Transport Strategy? Please explain your answer

Q4b: Are some of these policies more important than others or are they equally important?

Please provide details.

**Section C: Transport governance – democracy, decision-making and delivery**

Q5a: Are there specific decisions about transport in Scotland that are best taken at the national level (e.g. by Transport Scotland or the Scottish Government), at a regional (e.g. by Regional Transport Partnerships), or at a local level (e.g. by Local Authorities)?

Please explain your answer, by providing examples of where you believe transport related decisions should be taken.

Q5b: Should local communities be involved in making decisions about transport in Scotland? If so, how should they be involved, and on which specific issues should they be involved in making decisions on?

Please explain your answer, by providing examples of which transport decisions local communities should be involved in, also suggesting how they should be involved

**Section D: The Strategy as a whole**

Q6: Does the National Transport Strategy address the needs of transport users across Scotland, including citizens and businesses located in different parts of the country?

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

Please explain your answer

**Section E: Looking ahead**

Q7a: What aspects of the transport system work well at the moment?

Please provide details

Q7b: What practical actions would you like to see the National Transport Strategy take to encourage and promote these?

Please provide details

Q8a: What aspects of the transport system do not work well at the moment?

Please provide details

Q8b: What practical actions would you like to see the National Transport Strategy take to improve these?

Please provide details

Q9: Chapter 6 of the Strategy sets out immediate actions the Scottish Government will take in three key areas: Increasing Accountability; Strengthening Evidence; and Managing Demand. Is there anything you would like to say about these actions?

Please provide details.

Q10: Is there anything else you would like to say about the National Transport Strategy?

Please provide details

**Section F: Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)**

Q11: What are your views on the accuracy and scope of the information used to describe the SEA environmental baseline set out in Section 5 of the SEA Environmental Report?  (Please give details of additional relevant sources)

Q12: What are your views on the predicted environmental effects as set out in chapter 6.3 of the SEA Environmental Report?

Q13: What are your views on the proposals for mitigation and monitoring of the environmental effects set out in chapter 6.5 and 7 of the SEA Environmental Report?

Q14: Is there anything else you would like to say about the SEA Environmental Report?

Thank you for your time and your contribution.

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