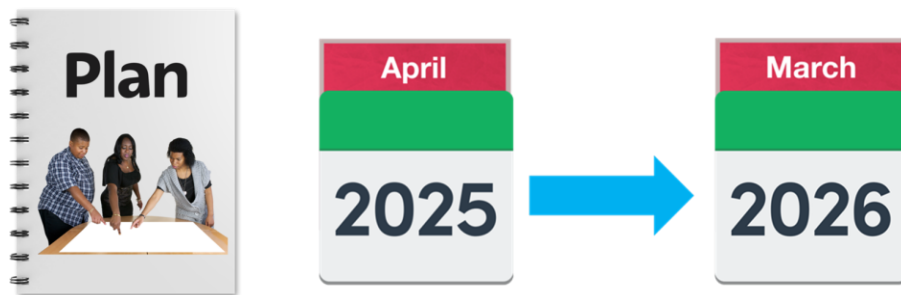




Advising Scottish Ministers
on Accessible Travel

Work Plan

from April 2025 to March 2026



Easy Read Part 2



About this document



This is an Easy Read document.



It is a plan for the work that MACS will do from April 2025 to March 2026.



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There are 2 parts to this plan.

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This is Part 2.

Projects MACS will focus on

Rail



The Rail Workstream will work on these projects below:



1. Giving advice and information to Transport Scotland.

The advice will help Transport Scotland to:

- buy new trains and rail vehicles
- improve trains and rail vehicles



2. Helping **Access for All** projects happen to make stations more accessible.



Access for All is a programme to make travel between platforms easier for everyone.

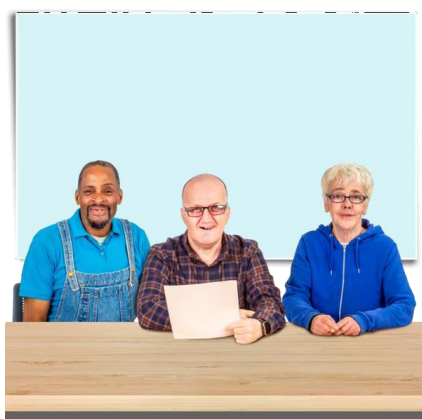


3. Seeing how **Passenger Assist** work is happening.

Passenger Assist is a way of booking help when you travel by train.



4. Carrying on work with ScotRail to keep making accessibility better.



5. Speaking up to make a new team to give advice about accessibility for Great British Railways.

The new team would work on rail services happening in Scotland.

6. Helping with plans for the **Clyde Metro**.



The **Clyde Metro** aims to bring together travel in the Glasgow area, so that it is easier to change between:

- buses
- trains
- subway

Ferries and Aviation



The Ferries and Aviation Workstream will work on these projects below:



1. Working with Transport Scotland to make a new list of things which ferries in Scotland must have in place to be accessible.

This list is also called the **national standard**.



2. Working on the Islands Connectivity Plan and the Rural Delivery Plan.

This work will help make ferries more reliable and more accessible for people who live on Scottish islands.



3. Speaking up for the Ferries
Accessibility Fund to open again.



4. Giving advice on getting new ferries.



This includes 6 big ferries and 7 electric ferries.



5. Helping with the review of ferry fares
to make travel cheaper and easier.



Also, speaking up for the idea of free ferry travel for people who have a National Entitlement Card for cheaper travel.



6. Helping solve the problems with flights from Benbecula to Stornoway, by working with the NHS and local council and others.

Active Travel and Infrastructure



The Active Travel and Infrastructure Workstream will work on these projects below:

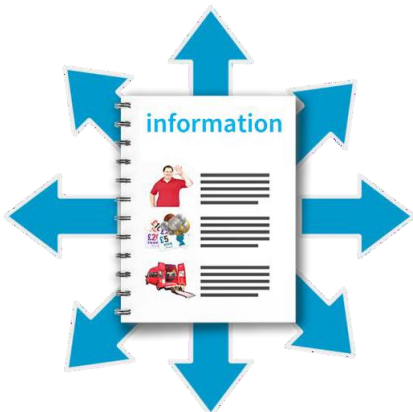


1. Keeping encouraging more people to walk, wheel and cycle by working with Transport Scotland and the Active Travel Infrastructure Fund.

This includes things like:



- getting rid of things that stop disabled people being able to walk, wheel or cycle
- the first and last mile of every journey
- making stopping places accessible
- having more routes that are away from roads
- better signs



2. Helping to finish and share the Transport Scotland document about **Inclusive Design in Town Centres and Busy Streets.**



Inclusive design means building spaces and places so that everyone can use them.



3. Working with the Scottish Government to improve public spaces, making them accessible and welcoming to everyone. This is also called **inclusive placemaking**.



We will also speak up to make sure that disabled people take part in these processes.



4. Working with the Scottish Road Works Commissioner to solve problems about roadworks which happen for a short time.



5. Watching over the new Pavement
Parking ban rules and how things go.



6. Watching over how new Electric Vehicle
charging points are put in place across
Scotland, to check they are accessible by
everyone.

Public and Community Transport



The Public and Community Transport
Workstream will work on these projects
below:



1. Working with Traveline to help make the website and app more accessible.



2. Helping write the Bus Services Improvement Plan.



3. Working with Transport Scotland to make taxis more accessible.



This includes looking at the answers from the taxi survey.



4. Working with Transport Scotland to make sure that cheaper ticket travel schemes are still there for disabled travellers.

5. Carry on with work on making bus journeys more accessible. For example giving advice about **dropped kerbs**.



Dropped kerbs are the edge stones between a pavement and the road.

They are lowered to make it easier for pushchairs and wheelchairs to cross over.



6. Looking for projects and chances to give advice about **Demand Responsive Transport** and **Mobility as a Service**.



Demand Responsive Transport means transport like Dial-a-Ride buses.

Users call a booking service that plans a route for the day to pick people up and take them where they want to go.



Mobility as a Service is an online way for users to plan, book, and pay for different mobility services.

It means people do not have to own their own transport.

Planning, Strategy and Engagement



The Planning, Strategy and Engagement Workstream will work on these projects below:



1. Making our plan called the Communication and Engagement Strategy stronger.

This is so it can help MACS to work more closely with disabled people and Disabled People's Organisations.



2. Building closer relationships with Disabled People's Organisations, to follow the law.



3. Making sure that meeting and events are accessible as possible, with **reasonable adjustments** in place.

This is so that everyone can take part and to show that MACS can lead the way.



Reasonable adjustments are changes to give a person who is disabled the same chance as anyone else to be involved.



4. Working with the other workstreams to collect information about making accessibility better.

We will also work with Transport Scotland's Accessible Travel team to share good ideas.



This will help us to make checks and review work done for the Accessible Travel Framework.

Other project work



Closing the Mobility Gap – this means working to make sure that disabled people and their journeys are not left out of all the different plans happening.



Just Transition – this means working to make sure that disabled people and their journeys are not left out of work on the climate crisis.

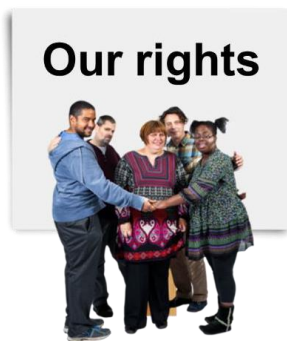


Transport to Health and Social Care – this means the ways that disabled people in Scotland reach their:

- health appointments
- health care
- social care



Motability and AVES – these are 2 organisations that have accessible vehicles for disabled people to use.



Scottish Human Rights Bill – this is a new set of **human rights** laws that the Scottish Government wants to happen in Scotland.



Human rights mean the basic rights and freedoms that belong to every person in the world.



Accessible Travel Framework – this is is
Transport Scotland's plan to make
accessible travel easier.

In this Easy Read document, we got the pictures from:

Pages 5, 6 and 7 ferry pictures from CalMac Ferries



Page 11 green car



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