

Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland



Advising Scottish Ministers
on Accessible Travel

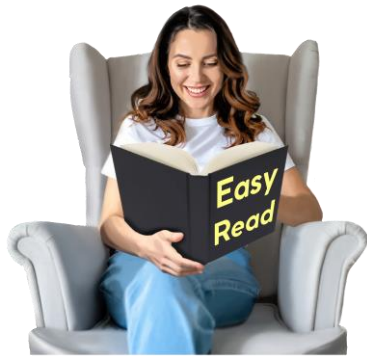
Annual Report 2024 to 2025



Easy Read Part 1



About this document



This is an Easy Read report.



It will tell you what the **Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland** did from April 2024 to March 2025.



The **Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland** is an organisation that gives advice to the Scottish Government about disabled people's travel needs.

We are called MACS for short.



This is Easy Read Part 1.

There is also an Easy Read Part 2.

Welcome to our new Convener Anya Kettles



A **Convener** is a leader who brings people together to work as a team.

Our new Convener is Anya Kettles.



Anya started at MACS in January 2025.

She says she has enjoyed meeting everyone.



She thanks staff who are leaving for all their hard work:

- Joanne Devitt
- Michael Tornow
- Naghat Ahmed



Welcome

Anya welcomes Simon Watkins as Vice Convener again.

About MACS



MACS has a **mission**.

A **mission** is what we want to do.



MACS mission is to speak up for transport across Scotland that is:



- accessible – everyone can use it
- inclusive – no one is left out
- possible – there are no barriers to stop disabled people travelling



MACS has a **vision**.

A **vision** is what we want to see happen.



MACS vision is for a Scotland where there is nothing to stop disabled people from travelling from one place to another.



Here are MACS 4 main jobs:



1. To give Scottish Ministers advice about the **policies** and laws for disabled people's travel needs.

And to give them advice about what is happening.



Policies are lists of rules and agreements.



2. To help more people and organisations in Scotland know about **accessible transport**.

And about the problems that disabled people have when they travel.



Accessible transport is transport that everyone can use.

This means things like pathways and toilets too.

3. To tell the organisations who design and make things like:

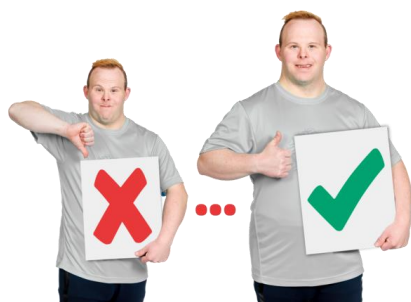


- vehicles
- buildings
- timetables

about what disabled travellers need.



4. To look carefully at transport work and say what can be better.



MACS has an **impact**.

An **impact** means making change happen.



We have always done important work to make transport better.

We have always made sure that disabled people's voices are heard.

MACS 5 big aims



MACS has 5 big aims.

These aims are called our **objectives**.



Objective 1



To make Scotland fairer, more accessible and leave no one out.



Objective 2



To make sure that having an accessible transport system is part of Scottish Government plans and paperwork.

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Objective 3



To check that the Scottish Government is telling **public organisations** and local councils that they must keep to the laws and rules for making transport accessible.



Public organisations are places that give us services – like schools, hospitals and councils.

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Objective 4



To speak up and ask more organisations to talk with MACS about their plans so that they get the best advice about accessibility.

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Objective 5

When we write **reviews** of important travel plans we will speak up for good changes to happen.



A **review** is a close look at something and writing about how well it is going.



We will also speak up for good ways to look after our environment.

This is called **Just Transition**.



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



The **climate crisis** is the problem of our planet warming up too quickly.

This means our temperatures and weather patterns are changing too fast.

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Please now read Part 2.

