



A77 Maybole Bypass Improvement Scheme

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Introduction

In 2012, Amey was commissioned by Transport Scotland to progress the A77 Maybole Bypass through detailed assessment towards the preparation of scheme Orders and the Environmental Statement.

As part of that assessment, a public information exhibition was held in January 2013 to give people opportunity to comment on the preferred option for the scheme.

This leaflet provides summary information a summary of the exhibition panels including the background and benefits of the project, the outcomes of the detailed assessment work that has been undertaken leading to the publication of draft Orders for the scheme and what happens next.



Need for the scheme

The A77 trunk road forms a strategic link from Glasgow to Stranraer serving Ayrshire and the Northern Ireland ferry ports. It passes through the centre of Maybole along the High Street, which has restricted carriageway and pavement widths and limited parking provision.

The town is congested partly as a result of the large numbers of cars and heavy goods vehicles using the A77 traveling to and from the port facilities at Cairnryan, resulting in poor conditions for pedestrians and road users alike.

A further constraint exists to the north of the town, where the A77 passes beneath the Glasgow to Stranraer Railway line through the Smithston Railway Bridge which has restricted height clearance.

The key objectives of the A77 Maybole Bypass scheme are to:

- improve the level of service and safety by reducing the effects of driver stress and journey times
- eradicate conflicts between long distance users and local traffic
- stabilise the average peak hour journey time of the A77 at Maybole
- improve the conditions within Maybole by removing through traffic, particularly heavy goods vehicles
- mitigate the environmental impact of the new works where possible
- achieve good value for money for both taxpayers and transport users.

The scheme

- the bypass consists of 5.2km of new single carriageway to the north-west of Maybole
- new roundabouts at the tie-ins to the existing A77 at Broomknowes and Smithston
- a new roundabout at B7023 Culzean Road
- three principal structures at the following locations:
 - Gardenrose Path overbridge
 - Kirklandhill Path overbridge
 - B7024 Alloway Road Underbridge
- climbing lanes are provided on the steeper sections of alignment, comprising:



- a northbound climbing lane from the south roundabout, though the B7023 Culzean Road roundabout
- a southbound climbing lane commencing north of Alloway Road

- a southbound climbing lane from the north roundabout
- access to land and properties will be maintained or an alternative route will be provided
- a farm underpass at the southern tie-in
- no demolition of buildings other than the derelict Kirklandhill Cottage
- construction mainly off line from the existing trunk road and affected side roads
- the opening of the new bypass is predicted to reduce traffic on Maybole High Street by approximately 50% with the number of HGVs reducing by approximately 90%.

Views of the scheme



VIEWPOINT LOCATION 1



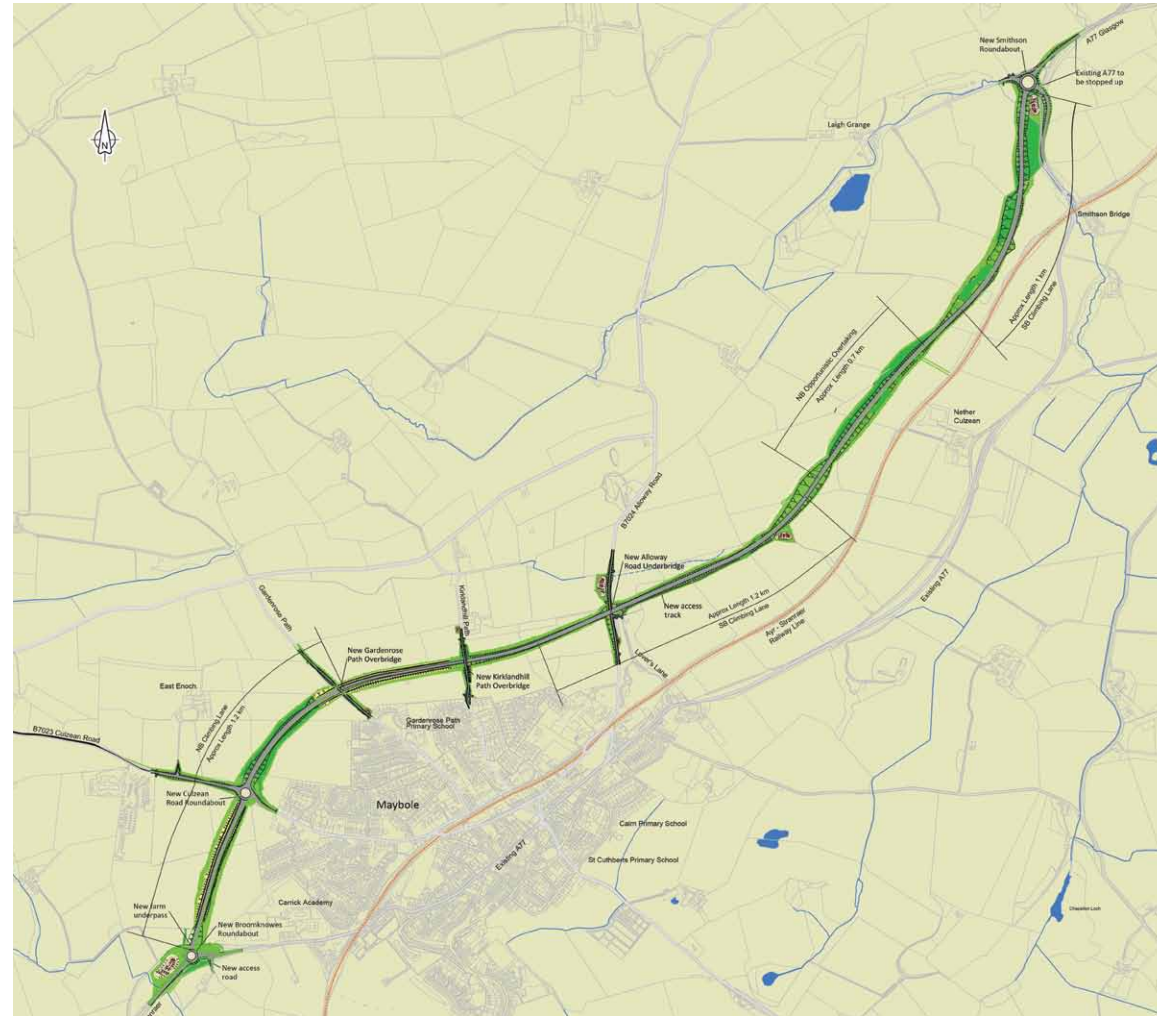
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VIEWPOINT LOCATION 3



VIEWPOINT LOCATION 4



1 View 1 – looking north-west towards the south roundabout from Broomknowes

EXISTING VIEW 1



PROPOSED VIEW 1 AT YEAR 15



2 View 2 – looking west towards Culzean Road roundabout from houses at McCrae Court

EXISTING VIEW 2



PROPOSED VIEW 2 AT YEAR 15



3 View 3 – looking south towards Maybole from Kirklandhill Farm

EXISTING VIEW 3



PROPOSED VIEW 3 AT YEAR 15



4 View 4 – looking north-west towards Laigh Grange from Smithston Cottage

EXISTING VIEW 4



PROPOSED VIEW 4 AT YEAR 15



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Consultations

Consultations were carried out to keep a wide range of stakeholders with an interest in the scheme informed, to gather information for the Environmental Statement, and to influence scheme design.

Statutory and non-Statutory consultees included South Ayrshire Council, Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA), Scottish Natural Heritage, local landowners, local wildlife groups and members of the public.



Environmental issues

An assessment of the potential environmental effects of the scheme has been undertaken. This has been reported in the Environmental Statement.

A Non-Technical Summary of the Environmental Statement is also available. The environmental assessment looks at:

- **landscape effects**
- **land use**

- **ecology and nature conservation**
- **road drainage and water environment**
- **air quality**
- **vehicle travellers and community effects**
- **cultural heritage**
- **geology and soils**
- **construction noise and vibration**
- **operational noise and vibration.**



Construction

The proposed scheme is mainly to be built off line from the existing A77 trunk road. Some temporary traffic management will be required to complete the tie-ins to the existing roads.

Kirklandhill Path will be closed for the duration of the construction of the bridge and improved side road. However, this work will be co-ordinated with the tie-in work on the adjacent Gardenrose Path and Alloway Road to minimise disruption.

While some degree of disruption to the public and local community will be necessary to construct the bypass, this will be kept to a minimum. The public will be informed of possible disruption well in advance of the works. Signage will be used to inform users of any temporary traffic management.

Once construction of the bypass gets underway, the works are expected to take up to 18 months to complete.

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Draft Road Orders



Plans showing the draft Trunk Road and Side Road Orders are available for viewing at the exhibition. These are statutory documents that define the line of the proposed road and associated improvements.

The draft Statutory Orders and the Environmental Statement are also available to view on Transport Scotland's website. Hard copies are available for inspection at the following locations:

South Ayrshire Council

The Wallace Tower
172-176 High Street
Ayr
KA7 1PZ

Maybole Library

1 High Street
Maybole
KA19 7AB

Transport Scotland

Buchanan House
58 Port Dundas Road
Glasgow
G4 0HF

What happens next?

Confirmation of the draft Orders, and subsequently, the Made Orders, will provide Scottish Ministers with the statutory powers to proceed with construction of the scheme, subject to funding availability.

However, if objections are received, and depending on their nature and number, a Public Local Inquiry into the draft Orders may be held before an Independent Reporter appointed by the Scottish Ministers.

Should this be required it would delay the date at which the statutory orders for the scheme are confirmed.

If a Public Local Inquiry is held, then everyone who has supported, objected to, or made other representations about the draft Orders will be informed as to the date and venue.

Please ensure that you understand the proposals being presented. If you wish to support, comment on or object to the draft Orders, or comment on the Environmental Statement, please give us your feedback on the form provided, which can be posted in the feedback box at the exhibition.

Alternatively you should write to Transport Scotland at the address below to arrive no later than **31 January 2014**.



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58 Port Dundas Road
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Further information

More information is available at the project website:

www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/projects/a77-maybole-bypass

