

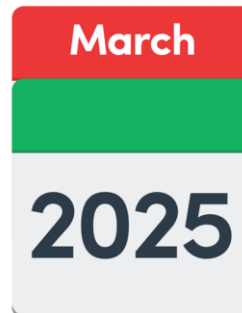
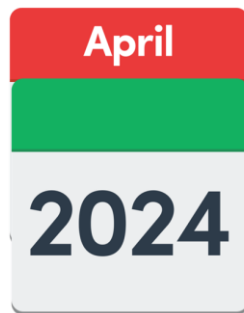
MACS



Advising Scottish Ministers
on Accessible Travel

Work Plan

from April 2024 to March 2025



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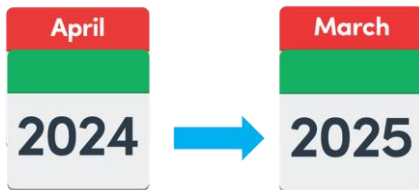
About this document



This is an Easy Read document.



It is a plan for the work that **MACS** will do from April 2024 to March 2025.



MACS is short for the **Mobility** and **Access** Committee for Scotland.



Mobility and **access** mean travelling and getting around.



MACS is an organisation that works to make journeys easier for disabled people in Scotland.



The Scottish Government has asked MACS to look at transport and how disabled people can use transport.



It has asked MACS to give **Scottish Ministers** advice about disabled people using transport.



Scottish Ministers work for the Scottish Government.

Their job is to make **policies** better and make sure action happens.



Policies are documents that say what will happen.

What MACS wants to see happen



MACS wants disabled people in Scotland to be able to choose and enjoy their journeys easily.



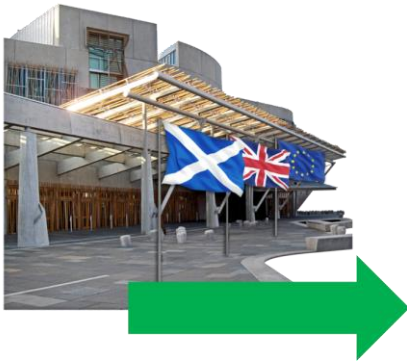
MACS has policies which help with the Scottish Ministers policies.



MACS also makes things happen that help with the Scottish Ministers policies.

These things are called **actions**.

What MACS has been asked to do



The Scottish Government has asked MACS to do these 6 things.



1. To give advice to Scottish Ministers about:



- policies that affect disabled people when they travel



- laws that affect disabled people when they travel



- things happening that affect disabled people when they travel



2. To remember what disabled people think and have experienced, when MACS is giving advice to Scottish Ministers.



3. To tell disabled people about what is getting better with travel in Scotland.



4. To work closely with Scottish Government and check that our work fits well with other transport groups.

5. To talk to the organisations that are making things like:



- timetables
- services
- vehicles
- other things – like paths, toilets, crossings, seating and information

And tell them what disabled people need.



6. To check our work and see how well we are doing.

5 things MACS is aiming to do from April 2024 to March 2025



These 5 aims are also called **objectives**.



MACS wants this work plan to follow these 5 objectives.



Objective 1



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

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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 bodies** and local councils that they must keep to the laws and rules for making transport accessible.



Public bodies are organisations 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 – like the National Transport Strategy – 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.

How MACS will do these 5 things



We will ask some of our members to give expert advice on some of our projects.

They will be called Champions or Specialist Advisors.



We will work in 5 teams called Workstreams.



The Workstreams will be:



- **Ferries and Aviation** – this means journeys by boat, plane and helicopter



- **Public and Community Transport** – this means journeys by bus, tram and community vehicles



- **Rail** – this means journeys by train



- **Active Travel and Infrastructure** – this means journeys by walking, wheeling and cycling

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- pathways
- crossings
- signs



- **Planning, Strategy and Engagement** – this means decisions, plans and the teams and people who take part

Projects MACS will focus on

We will work on these projects below.



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**.



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

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



Active Travel – this means working to make sure that disabled people's needs are a big part of plans to get more people walking, wheeling and cycling.



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

We want to help write new policies.

We want new organisations to also offer accessible vehicles.

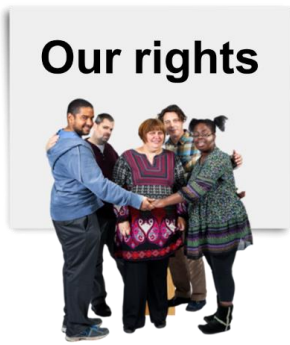


Transport to Health and Social Care – this means the ways that disabled people in Scotland reach their:

- health appointments
- health care
- social care



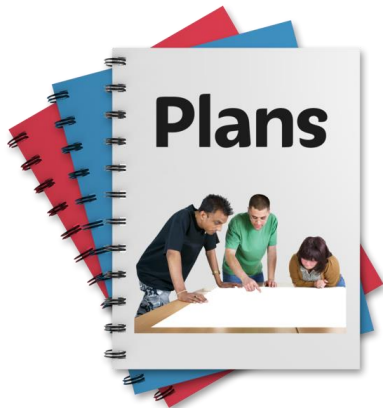
Making the public transport system more accessible with new ideas and new technology.



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.



Plans like:

- the National Islands Plan
- the Islands Connectivity Plan
- the Rural Development Plan



How we work and things like staff and money.



There are a few other projects we will work on too.

