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Dear Cathel,

As you are aware, the Caithness Transport Forum (CTF) brings together a range of key stakeholders and statutory agencies in a bid to improve the Caithness transport infrastructure and it is facilitated by the Caithness

Caithness Partnership
100 Victoria Road
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Partnership.

Several groups that the Caithness Partnership is a member of have brought transport concerns to our attention within our role as facilitators of the Caithness Transport Forum. I have detailed below the concerns brought to us during March 2012 with regard to the A9 & A99 Trunk Road north.

Caithness Community Safety Action Team

At the meeting held on 1st March 2012 concerns were raised regarding the lengthy period of time that street lights were out of operation in Smith Terrace Thurso earlier this year. It was several days before the Scotland Transerv sub-contractor came north to repair this Trunk Road lighting. To avoid any future lighting repair delays could Scotland Transerv please sub-contract a local company to undertake works within Caithness?

Wick Community Council

At the meeting held on 5th March 2012 concerns were raised with regard to



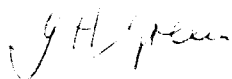
Dounreay Stakeholder Group

At the meeting held on 7th March 2012 concerns were raised at the poor standard of road surface on the A9 Trunk Road north of Tain, especially the Causewaymire. As the arterial trunk road to the main port of Scrabster and gateway to Orkney it is imperative that the A9 Trunk Road is fit for purpose in its entirety and is able to support the heavy industry loads necessary for the emerging renewable energy sector. Can Scotland Transerv please provide details of their patching and resurfacing programme for the A9 Trunk Route Tain to Thurso for the financial year 2012/13?

We have sent a courtesy copy of this letter to Transport Scotland, the executive agency of the Scottish Government responsible for Trunk Roads in Scotland for their information.

The Caithness Transport Forum appreciates Scotland Transerv's willingness to take on board local issues raised and we look forward to your feedback on the above matters.

Yours sincerely,



John Green
Chairman
Caithness Transport Forum

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