

**PE1653/I**

Scottish Government submission of 24 May 2018

Thank you for your letter of 30 April 2018 after the Committee considered the above petition at its meeting on 26 April 2018.

Your letter requested:

- clarification from Transport Scotland on when the Active Travel Task Force report and the Trunk Road Walking and Cycling strategy will be published
- whether members of the public can contribute to the work on the review of the National Transport Strategy, which has in its scope, a focus on active travel.

The Active Travel Task Force report has been delayed due to one of the Task Force members asking for a re-ordering of the chapters and re-working of certain sections of the first draft of the report. Officials in the Sustainable Transport Team have been working on a second draft report which has now been cleared by Transport Scotland Directors and policy leads within the Scottish Government and is now again with the Task Force members for their final comments and confirmation that they are now content. The report will then go to Ministers for final approval. Transport Scotland is aiming for publication by the end of May.

As the Committee noted, the draft Trunk Road Walking and Cycling Initiative was put on hold as we awaited the findings of the Active Travel Task Force. Following the publication of the Task Force report we will consider and update the content of the Trunk Road Walking and Cycling Initiative accordingly.

Transport Scotland's approach to progressing the NTS Review is focused on collaborative working with its partners, developing a robust evidence base and engaging with stakeholders and citizens across Scotland to give them a greater say in the development of transport policy.

As part of this approach Transport Scotland are delivering a programme of public engagement events across Scotland to ensure that transport users and the general public have an opportunity to feed into the NTS Review process. This includes public meetings, workshops, conferences, "pop-up" stands at transport hubs at a range of urban, rural and island locations across Scotland and social media content delivered through a variety of channels including a dedicated facebook page. Further information can be found on the Transport Scotland website: [www.transport.gov.scot/ntsreview](http://www.transport.gov.scot/ntsreview)

I hope this is helpful.