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Dear Sir / Madam

**TERM CONTRACT FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SCOTTISH TRUNK ROAD NETWORK – NORTH WEST UNIT  
A83 STRONE POINT IMPROVEMENTS**

We write to inform you of the current progress made at the ongoing improvement works on the A83 Trunk Road at Strone Point, located approximately 2.5 miles east of Inveraray, and to advise of upcoming traffic management requirements.

An investment from Transport Scotland, currently estimated at £1.6M, has been committed to deliver the long awaited improvements to this part of the A83 which involves realignment of approx. 360m of existing carriageway and associated drainage, earthworks, surfacing, signing and roadmarkings. This scheme has been developed to address the accident history at this location and will improve the radius of the bend and widen the carriageway for the benefit of all road users.

Works have progressed well since re-commencing in January 2018 with just under 80% of soil nails now being installed. Excavation works have also been progressing in conjunction with the soil nailing with sections of the new slope face seeing the introduction of soil containment systems. Works have been undertaken predominantly under temporary traffic lights and lane closure however, four nights of overnight road closures were required in February to allow larger plant to be utilised for higher reach operations.

The second phase of overnight closures commenced on 3<sup>rd</sup> April to allow for the final stages of the high reach excavation works to progress. This phase of road closures, initially programmed to last three nights, have been completed earlier than anticipated due to favourable ground conditions on site. As a result, no further road closures will be required this week. This period of road closures was the second of three phases of road closures envisaged to be required over the duration of this 28-week project.

Advanced notification will be provided in due course for the third and final phase of road closures.

Transport Scotland and BEAR Scotland wish to thank the local community and all road users in advance for their patience and cooperation during these improvement works.

If you require any further information or would like to discuss the works further, please do not hesitate to contact ourselves by email at [A83StronePoint@bearsotland.co.uk](mailto:A83StronePoint@bearsotland.co.uk)

Yours faithfully,

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