

Good evening and welcome to this fourth Reference Group update for Jan 21. The last update was issued in December 20 and I felt it was appropriate to provide another ahead of the Cowal Transport Forum next week.

Work continues at pace on this project despite COVID19 restrictions. The Steering Group members continue to maintain project governance while progressing their feasibility design options.

To give you an update on the volume of work undertaken since December, I have collated the following list:

- Press release issued on appointment of vessel naval architect
- FOI request and press enquires provided
- The project website www.cmassets.co.uk/project/gourock will have the: Redevelopment of Gourock Ferry Terminal - Outline Business Case – Project Briefing Note Jan 2021, uploaded next week.
- Argyll and Bute Council officials have appointed a consultant for design works at Dunoon and Kilcreggan. This work was awaiting the outcome of the initial Gourock design options.
- Wave monitoring apparatus has been deployed at Gourock and Dunoon and Kilcreggan

Future work:

- Vessel Infrastructure integration workshop number 3 – 2Feb2021
- Steering Group meeting including Gourock outline options workshop – 23Feb2021
- Reference group meeting virtual meeting - early April 21
- Public engagement event following on after Reference Group meeting

I believe that Mott MacDonald have now been in contact regarding the Transport Planning Objectives. Their presentation on Redevelopment of Gourock Ferry Terminal - Outline Business Case – Project Briefing Note Jan 2021 will be added to the project website this week. I have attached an advanced copy for your information, as this will shortly be made public there are no restrictions on its use.

We still expect to hold a full Reference Group meeting in April 21 to discuss the outline design options for Gourock. Format of this meeting is likely to be online via Microsoft teams. I will provide a range of dates shortly via a doodle poll to gauge availability. A pack will also be made available in advance so you have time to review these documents prior to the meeting. We ask that these documents are kept confidential at this time as the options will be a work-in-progress and we expect to make revisions to reflect your feedback. Following on, these options will then form the basis of our public engagement event shortly afterwards.

Kind regards

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