

ANGUS COUNCIL

ROADS COMMITTEE

29 JANUARY 1998

ROAD SAFETY

A92 NORTH OF ARBROATH AND B CLASS ROADS

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS

ABSTRACT

This report provides an update on the road safety improvements proposed on the A92 north of Arbroath and discusses road safety on B class roads in Angus.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the committee agree to note:-

- (i) that the provision of the overheight vehicle detection system on the A92 at Inverkeilor Railway Bridge will now be provided in financial year 1998/99,
- (ii) that the B class roads listed in Appendix A be provided with centre line cats eyes and
- (iii) that all B class roads be provided with centre line road markings.

2 DETAILS

- (a) Report No 1219/97 approved by the roads committee on 27 November 1997 agreed to the provision of an overheight vehicle detection system on the A92

at Inverkeilor Railway Bridge at an estimated cost of £80,000 in this financial year and that a contribution be sought from Railtrack towards the cost.

Due to the need to advertise for interested contractors to carry out this work and to allow time for manufacture and delivery of the specialist equipment required it is unlikely that this work can be completed and paid for this financial year.

Negotiations with Railtrack on the level of their contribution are ongoing.

- b) As part of the overall road safety strategy in Angus it was intended that all the B class roads be provided with improved centre line definition during 1998/99.

The policy of the previous Tayside Regional Council had been to provide centre line road markings on all B class roads with cats eyes at hazardous locations only. As part of a rolling programme of improvements carried out by TRC white lines have been provided on most of the B class roads south of the A90.

It is now proposed that the programme of centre line road marking of B class roads started by TRC be completed. A survey will require to be carried out to establish the exact extent of the work required before cost estimates can be prepared for this.

Despite the provision of these centre line markings there have been complaints about night time difficulties on these routes particularly during wet or misty conditions. There are a number of relatively heavily trafficked B class routes in Angus where the provision of cats eyes would provide a great improvement to road safety. These are listed in Appendix A.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

(i) Capital

The estimated cost of the provision of cats eyes on the B class roads listed in Appendix A is £80000.

A sum of £80000 had been allocated in the capital estimates for 1997/98 for the provision of the overheight vehicle detection system at Inverkeilor railway bridge and it is now proposed that this allocation be spent on the provision of the cats eyes on the B class roads.

The overheight vehicle detection system at Inverkeilor will therefore be phased into 1998/99 subject to approval of sufficient allocation in the Capital Estimates for 1998/99.

The financial implications of the completion of the centre line road markings on all the B class roads in 1998/99 will be the subject of a further report to committee.

(ii) Revenue

The loan charges will amount to £9,400 per annum over 20 years. The additional maintenance costs will be minimal but would require to be provided for in future years' Revenue Budgets.

4 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration, the Director of Finance and the Chief Constable have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

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DIRECTOR OF ROADS

NOTE

The following background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report:-

Report No 1219/97 A92 North of Arbroath - Road Safety, Angus Roads Committee, 27 November 1997.

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APPENDIX A

**LIST OF B CLASS ROADS WHERE THE PROVISION OF CENTRE LINE ROAD
STUDS IS PROPOSED**

B954	Muirhead to Newtyle
B957	Kirriemuir to Finavon
B961	Dundee to Friockheim
B962	Monifieth to Newbigging
B965	Friockheim to Inverkeilor
B966	Brechin to Edzell
B978	Dundee to Draffin (B9128 junction)
B9113	Forfar to Kinnel crossroads
B9134	Forfar to Brechin
B9127	Douglastown to Arbroath
B9128	Forfar to Muirdrum

NB

Some of these roads already have centre line studs over limited lengths where there have been particular problems in the past.

