

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 12 NOVEMBER 2019

MONTROSE TO A90 ROAD LINK STUDY

ABSTRACT

This report provides information to members with regard to Montrose to A90 Road Link Study.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 With reference to Article 9 of the minute of the Communities Committee of 14 November 2017 (Report No. 383/17), Montrose to A90 Road Link Study, it was agreed to note the progress of the Montrose to A90 Road Link Study as outlined in the report and to approve the reporting on the stakeholders consultation, including workshops, and direct involvement of elected members in the wider engagement events throughout the commission.
- 1.2 The consultancy services for the study were awarded to Amey OW Ltd on 20 July 2017 with a completion date of December 2019.

2. CURRENT POSITION

- 2.1 A revised programme for completion of the study has been attached in **Appendix 1**, which shows a delay to the completion date, which shows a delay to the completion date caused by seeking access to undertake land surveys. The revised completion date for STAG (Strategic Transport Assessment Guidance) is March 2020 and completion of Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) assessment by February 2021.
- 2.2 The first workshop was held on 20 June 2018, which generated the Transport Planning Objectives (TPO) and developed a list of options that would be taken forward to the appraisal.
- 2.3 STAG Part 1 was completed in January 2019. This stage analysed the route options on the basis of meeting the TPO's, economy, accessibility, cost, risk and public acceptance. Several routes were sifted out at this stage and the remainder be taken forward to STAG Part 2.
- 2.4 DMRB Stage 1 was started following the completion of STAG Part 1 and will run in parallel with the STAG process. DMRB Stage 1 was completed in May 2019 and identified the environmental, engineering, economic and traffic advantages, disadvantages and constraints associated with the options.
- 2.5 STAG Part 2 Volume 1 was completed in May 2019 and identified 13 options that will be taken forward for further analysis. Volume 1 has appraised the options under a qualitative criteria. Volume 2 will use a quantitative criteria to further appraise the options. DMRB Stage 2 will run in parallel with Volume 2.
- 2.6 As part of DMRB Stage 2 the consultant issued Section 140 Notices under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 to the land owners that may be affected by the route options in order to carry out engineering and environmental surveys. Land Title searches have also been carried out by Millar & Bryce on behalf of Angus Council to identify the affected land owners. Amey OW Ltd are currently carrying out surveys of the route options.

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List of Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Montrose to A90 Road Link Study Revised Programme

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Task		Start	Predicted Finish	% Complete
Activity 1	REVIEW OF COMMISSION	09.08.17	02.10.17	100
Activity 2	STAG PRE APPRAISAL	02.10.17	18.01.19	100
Activity 3	STAG PART 1 APPRAISAL	12.02.18	21.01.19	100
Activity 4	STAG PART 2 APPRAISAL	04.10.18	08.05.19	100
Activity 5	STAG REPORT	06.02.20	09.03.20	0
Activity 6	DMRB STAGE 1 PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT	02.10.17	08.05.19	100
Activity 7	DMRB STAGE 2 ROUTE OPTION ASSESSMENT	22.01.18	03.04.20	64
	Traffic Forecasting	22.01.18	01.08.19	100
	Modelling	05.03.18	19.12.19	90
	Economics	20.11.19	04.03.20	0
	DMRB Stage 2 Environmental Impact Assessment	25.06.18	30.03.20	34
	Stage 2 Value for Money (VFM2) Workshop	22.01.20	06.02.20	0
Activity 8	DMRB STAGE 3 SCHEME ASSESSMENT	03.04.20	01.02.21	0