

Briefing for the Public Petitions Committee

Petition Number: PE1657

Main Petitioner: Donald McHarrie

Subject: Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to dual the A77 from Ayr Whitlett's Roundabout south to the two ferry ports located at Cairnryan, including the point at which the A77 connects with the A75.

Background

The M77/A77 trunk road links Glasgow with Stranraer. The M77 section runs for approximately 16.4 miles between junction 22 of the M8 and Fenwick, with the A77 section running for approximately 67 miles between Fenwick and Stranraer. The A77 trunk road is dual carriageway between Fenwick and Ayr. The sections of the A77 between central Glasgow and junction 22 of the M8 and between Stranraer (from its junction with the A75) and Portpatrick are not part of the trunk road network.

Scottish Government Action

The following major improvement projects to the A77 trunk road have been completed within the last 10 years:

- [A77 Haggstone climbing lane](#): An 1800m long climbing lane for slow moving HGVs, northbound, four kilometres north of the Cairnryan ferry terminal.
- [A77 Glen App Improvement Project](#): Construction of approximately one kilometre of new carriageway at Glen App, plus approximately 250 metres of improvements at each end of the scheme.
- [A77 Symington and Bogend Toll](#): Two new flyover bridges, one at Symington and the other at Bogend Toll, to provide road users with safer access to and from the A77, plus new footways and cycleways, a new link road to Whitelees and improved junctions and accesses.
- [A77 Park End to Bennane Improvement Project](#): Widening of approximately 2.9km of the existing A77 to provide alternating dedicated northbound and southbound overtaking lanes.

In addition, Transport Scotland has authority to begin construction of an [A77 bypass around Maybole](#). Media reports indicate that procurement could begin later this year.

The Scottish Government has no plans to dual the single carriageway sections of the A77 trunk road.

Scottish Parliament Action

The Scottish Parliament has not considered the dualling of the single carriageway sections of the A77 trunk road.

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