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## **A83 - REST AND BE THANKFUL TASKFORCE NOVEMBER UPDATE**

At the Taskforce meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017, the Minister for Transport and the Islands committed to provide the Taskforce group with a regular update on the Strone Point project and the Catch Pits project. The first update on both projects can be found below / overleaf.

### A83 Catch Pits

Work commenced on site on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 and is progressing well so far. Traffic delays through the site have been kept to a minimum and BEAR Scotland continue to monitor this. Progress to date includes:

- Corehole drilling at Phases 7 and 9 to prove rockhead;
- Installation of further additional safe systems of access;
- Roadside drainage improvements to facilitate pit excavation;
- Installation of silt management system;
- Destructive test anchors;
- Stripping off of overburden to expose rock head; and
- Installation of more temporary stock fencing.

Some images from the site have been attached overleaf.

### A83 Strone Point

Work to improve the A83 at Strone Point is planned to start on 4<sup>th</sup> December for 28 weeks. The project has been long awaited and will improve the radius of the tight corner at Strone Point on the A83 outside Inveraray. The scheme will involve:

- realigning the carriageway and cutting back the rock slope to improve visibility for drivers;
- improving the road width;
- upgrading the drainage systems to improve road safety in wet conditions;
- erecting a new road safety barrier and bike guard;
- new road markings; and
- improved signing.

The road will be reduced to one lane and controlled by temporary traffic signals during the vast majority of the programme. Up to 13 night time road closures will be required and road users will be notified in advance.

If you have any enquiries about this update, please contact George Fiddes in Trunk Road and Bus Operations, Transport Scotland on 0141 272 7354.

Yours sincerely,

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