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## Report to Partnership Meeting 26 April 2024

### RESEARCH AND STRATEGY DELIVERY

#### Fastline Faslane

#### Purpose of Report

To inform the Board on progress in the Faslane project.

#### Background

HITRANS was successful in obtaining Local Rail Development Funding from government funding to explore transport issues in and around the Faslane Naval Base, and in particular, consider the case for provision of a rail link. To this end, the client group commissioned Stantec to undertake a Sustainable Transport Options Study in line with the Scottish Governments appraisal guidance (STAG) focused on access options to the area. This was followed by the Options Appraisal study, focussing on:

Assisted Travel Scheme  
Enhanced Local Bus Services  
Rail Option.

This study is currently being finalised.

#### Station Development

HITRANS separately engaged Douglas Binns Ltd to feasibility produce an outline feasibility report into the siting of a railway station to provide access to His Majesty's Naval Base Clyde (HMNB Clyde) at Faslane.

An indicative location in the vicinity of the north gate has been identified along with access route options into the Base. A single platform station including a small car park has been proposed, with the preferred option maximising the use of existing roads and pavements for access. The platform length will be suitable for a seven-car train. The estimated capital cost of the scheme will be provided by another party. The current track alignment through the proposed station appears visually to be compliant for the proposed platform.

This report examines the works associated with a new station and access:

- A new single platform station suitable for a typical seven car train
- A car park / turning head suitable for maintenance access and drop off only
- Pedestrian access to the public road and into the Base

The station proposal has been estimated by SLC Rail to cost £8m plus optimism bias.

## **RISK REGISTER**

### RTS Delivery

Impact –Mode shift, integration, decongestion

### Policy

Impact –Decarbonisation, transport efficiency, vehicle miles reduction

### Financial

Impact – The LRDF study work is fully funded by Transport Scotland. Station feasibility work to date has been funded by HITRANS.

### Equality

Impact – Nil

## **Recommendation**

1. Members are asked to approve the report.

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