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The National Transport Strategy



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Background

- Views of stakeholders 2003/04: *New Approach to Transport* consultation
- White Paper, June 2004: *Scotland's Transport Future*
 - Vision, aim, objectives
 - Commitment to NTS
 - New policy and delivery structures
 - Implementing legislation



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Background: what the NTS will do...

- Cover all **modes**
- Cover all **travellers**
- Be **medium to long-term** in nature
- Provide the **context for the Strategic Projects Review**
- Be based on wide-ranging public **consultation**
- Fully involve the National **Transport Agency**
- Be complemented by the **Regional Transport Strategies**
- Be **evidence-based** as far as possible



... what the NTS won't do

- Be a ranked list of **infrastructure projects** for the future.
- Set out **budgets** for transport in the future.
- Go into large amounts of technical detail relating to **specific modes**
- Be **unnecessarily prescriptive** to the RTPs or national transport agency



NTS timetable

- Pre-consultation events underway
- We will shortly begin writing a draft NTS
- In parallel will be carrying out an SEA – met the consultation authorities last week
- Public consultation on the draft at the end of the year
- Finalisation and publication by next summer
- Ready for the Strategic Projects Review to start



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NTS in context: wider policy





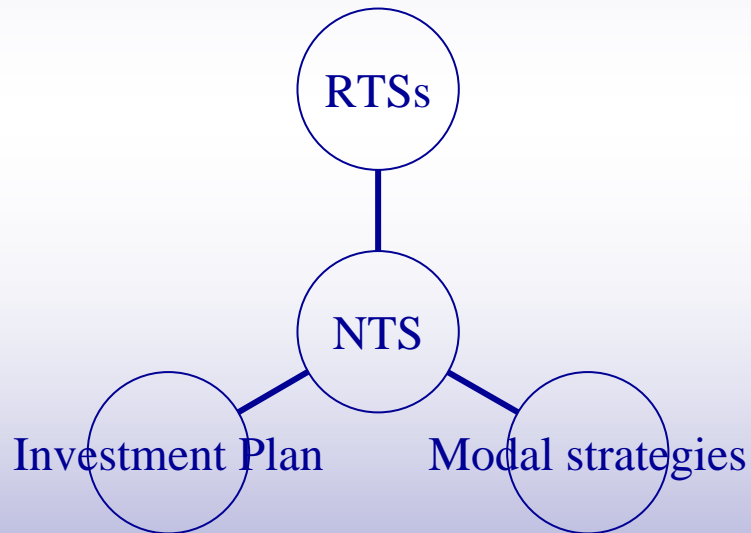
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Aim and Objectives

- Our overall **aim** is to promote economic growth, social inclusion, health and protection of our environment through a safe, integrated, effective and efficient transport system.
- Our objectives are to:
 - promote **economic growth** by building, enhancing, managing and maintaining transport services, infrastructure and networks to maximise their efficiency;
 - promote **social inclusion** by connecting remote and disadvantaged communities and increasing the accessibility of the transport network;
 - protect our **environment** and improve health by building and investing in public transport and other types of efficient and sustainable transport which minimise emissions and consumption of resources and energy;
 - improve **safety** of journeys by reducing accidents and enhancing the personal safety of pedestrians, drivers, passengers and staff;
 - improve **integration** by making journey planning and ticketing easier and working to ensure smooth connection between different forms of transport;



NTS in context: some key relationships



- Rail strategy
- Freight strategy
- Action on improving bus services
- Other modal policy development
- Strategic Projects Review
- CSR 2007



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Consultation process

- Events:
 - Modal
 - Themed
 - Regional
- Written consultation end of year



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Purpose of consultative events

- (To share information with you)
- To listen
- To learn from you and gather information
- Written comments welcome
- To identify the issues
- To think about solutions!



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Consultation: what will happen next

- Today's event
- We will write it up
- We will report back



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Consultation: contacting us

- Form attached for additional thoughts
- Or email us: transport@scotland.gsi.gov.uk
- Website coming soon!