

ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

BULLETIN ITEM

Subject: Road Structures Annual Report 2025

Date: 28 May 2026

Assistant Chief Executive: Place

1 Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 An updated version of Appendix 1.1 was requested as an amendment to committee report ECI/37/25, Item 8 from November 2025's Economy and Infrastructure (E&I) Committee. The amendment asked that a reference to 'lifeline bridges' be included in the Appendix 1.1 table and that this be presented at a subsequent E&I Committee.
- 1.2 The term "Lifeline bridge" does not have an accepted definition. For the purposes of this Bulletin a bridge has been designated a lifeline bridge if it is on a route with no available diversion (i.e., a dead-end road).

2 Updated Appendices

- 2.1 Appendix 1.1 is included as an attachment to this bulletin. Appendices 1.2 and Appendix 2 are also included for completeness.

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Background Papers: Road Structures Annual Report [2025](#)

Appendices: Appendix 1 – Small and Medium Schemes List
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Appendix 1 – Small and Medium Schemes

Appendix 1.1 Priority List for Small and Medium Schemes

The following table shows the top priority small and medium schemes. The prioritisation is indicative, and the actual order in which projects are progressed is decided based upon engineering considerations and resource availability.

1.1 Small and medium schemes priority list									
[2]	No.	Bridge Code	Bridge Name	Area	Priority Score ^[1]	Est. £k	Cum. Total (£k)	Scope of Work	Lifeline [4]
	1	A08320330	POOLEWE	Ross & Cromarty	64.3	260	260	Concrete investigation and repair	
*	2	U10440010	AULTVOULIN	Lochaber	63.8	155	415	Deck replacement	Y
	3	U12780050	INSHORE NO 2	Sutherland	63.4	150	565	Cape Wrath road, refurbishment, combine with Daill Bailey	Y
	4	U10310010	AILEIN	Lochaber	62.9	125	690	Redeck (currently steel and timber)	Y
*	5	B08170051	AVERON FOOTBRIDGE	Ross & Cromarty	61.7	420	1,110	Assessment then Repair or Replacement	
	6	U28360020	ALLT NA CROITE	Inverness	60.7	125	1,235	Redeck (currently steel and timber)	Y
*	7	C11500020	BRACORA	Lochaber	60.1	85	1,320	Minor bridge deck replacement	Y
	8	B80070120	ALLT FHEARGAIS	Lochaber	59.9	260	1,580	Replacement	Y
*	9	C11500010	LOIN	Lochaber	59.3	85	1,665	Minor bridge deck replacement	Y
	10	U10150040	ALLT DEARG	Lochaber	58.7	155	1,820	Replacement	
	11	C11920030	SWORDALE	Lochaber	57.8	105	1,925	Redeck (currently steel beams and corrugated steel deck)	
	12	C10940090	SCHOOL	Lochaber	57.6	315	2,240	Replacement	Y
	13	B91540010	MOY	Inverness	56.9	155	2,395	concrete investigation and repair, assessment	
	14	U12780030	DAILL BAILEY	Sutherland	56.6	200	2,595	Cape Wrath road, refurbishment, combine with Inshore No 2	Y
	15	C11530080	STOCHD CHULCHARN 2	Lochaber	55.8	125	2,720	Redeck (currently steel and timber)	Y
	16	B80570050	FIREMORE	Ross & Cromarty	55.7	435	3,155	Minor bridge deck replacement	Y
*	17	U19900010	LEALTY	Ross & Cromarty	53.6	345	3,500	Repair and possible widening	Y
*	18	U10150010C60	UNNAMED	Lochaber	53.4	90	3,590	Glen Roy Bridge Deck Replacements	Y

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*	19	U10150020	BHREAC ACHAIDH	Lochaber	52.2	90	3,680	Glen Roy Bridge Deck Replacements	Y
	20	A08320270	GRUDIE	Ross & Cromarty	51	260	3,940	Concrete repairs	
*	21	U10150030	NAN EUN	Lochaber	48.7	90	4,030	Glen Roy Bridge Deck Replacements	Y
	22	A08610230	GOUR	Lochaber	48	255	4,285	Repaint, waterproof, resurface, parapet replacement	
*	23	U19210010	ACHNAGARRON	Ross & Cromarty	47.8	165	4,450	Repair	
	24	B90070040C93	AIRDRIE MILL BURN	Nairn & Cawdor	47.4	210	4,660	Repairs	
	25	C12230010	OLD SHIEL	Ross & Cromarty	47	315	4,975	Refurbishment	Y
	26	B90900020	HOWFORD	Nairn & Cawdor	46.6	210	5,185	Steelwork repairs and repaint	
	27	U28230010	LOWER FOYERS BAILEY	Inverness	45.7	155	5,340	Redecking of bailey bridge	Y
	28	A08350250	KNOCKAN	Sutherland	45.6	365	5,705	Parapet replacement, concrete investigation	
	29	U14230010	ALLT CURRACHAN	Inverness	45.3	330	6,035	Investigate options for repair/replacement	
	30	B91610010	LITTLEMILL	Ross & Cromarty	44.4	40	6,075	Tie bar repairs (with Braeintra and Dublin)	Y
	31	A08390010	PITTENTRAIL	Sutherland	43.9	130	6,205	Refurbishment	
	32	U32670010	ACHVAICH	Sutherland	43.8	240	6,445	Replace structure. Options study.	Y
	33	A08350270	LEDMORE	Sutherland	43.6	285	6,730	Parapet replacement, concrete investigation	
	34	A08320090	GRUDIE	Ross & Cromarty	41.7	210	6,940	Investigation to determine scope of repairs	
	35	B91780010	DULNAIN	Badenoch & Strathspey	41.6	315	7,255	Repair of cantilever	
	36	U48090010	CHRACAIG	Eilean a' Chèò	40.5	420	7,675	Repair and refurbish	Y
	37	B08510030	ABERARDER	Inverness	38.6	60	7,735	Movement joint replacement, concrete repairs, esp. at pier.	
	38	A08610350	CEOL NA MARA	Lochaber	38.3	60	7,795	Masonry repairs	
	39	A08620090	LOVAT	Inverness	38.2	215	8,010	Masonry repair and scour protection	
	40	U19070010	DUBLIN	Ross & Cromarty	38	40	8,050	Tie bar repairs (with Braeintra and Littlemill)	Y
	41	C10870030	AN UILLT BHIG	Ross & Cromarty	37.2	375	8,425	Strengthening and refurbishment	
	42	B09700200	NETHY	Badenoch & Strathspey	37	145	8,570	Repointing	

1.1 Small and medium schemes priority list								
No.	Bridge Code	Bridge Name	Area	Priority Score ^[1]	Est. £k	Cum. Total (£k)	Scope of Work	Lifeline [4]
43	A08380220	KYLE OF TONGUE	Sutherland	36.2	80	8,650	Movement joint replacement	
44	A08550010	RIVER LEASGEARY	Eilean a' Chèo	35.4	430	9,080	Strengthen edge, replace parapet, refurbishment	
45	A08380080	ACHFARY	Sutherland	34.6	575	9,655	Waterproofing and resurfacing, concrete repairs	
46	A08610340	CAMUSCHORK	Lochaber	33.3	60	9,715	Masonry repairs	
47	A08630140	CAROY	Eilean a' Chèo	30.5	105	9,820	Waterproofing and resurfacing, parapet replacement	
48	U21040030	SHERRAMORE	Badenoch & Strathspey	29.2	210	10,030	waterproofing / Joints / vegetation	Y
49	U10430009	BALLACHTY	Caithness	[3]	125	10,155	Scour repairs	
50	A08610140	CLADACH	Lochaber	[3]	420	10,575	Propped bridge. Probable replacement	

Notes

[1] The priority score is out of 100 with higher scores being worse.

[2] Lines above marked thus ‘*’ indicate projects from this list that are currently in progress.

[3] Priority scores for structures no.49 and 50 in the above list are not yet calculated.

[4] For the purposes of this bulletin a bridge is considered “Lifeline” if it is on a route with no available diversion (i.e. a dead-end road).

Appendix 1.2 Small and Medium Schemes NOT on the Priority List

The following table lists bridge schemes that are currently in progress against the bridges, walls and culverts budget, but not included in the priority schemes listed in Appendix 1.1. For each scheme, justification is given below for why it is being progressed ahead of the prioritised list.

Appendix 1.2 Small and medium bridge schemes not on Priority List						
Bridge Code	Bridge / Scheme Name	2020 Op Areas	Est £k	Scope of Work	Justification for Progressing Scheme ahead of Normal Prioritisation	Lifeline [1]
U22390040	DALNAHEITNACH	Badenoch and Strathspey	30	Replacement of bridge as part of re-naturalisation of landscape	Budget to cover design work with construction being funded by Cairngorm National Park.	y

The amounts above are not scheme totals, but are the amount expected to be funded from bridges, walls and culverts budget.

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Appendix 2 – Major Bridges Priority List

The following table shows the top priority major schemes, together with an indication of affordability based on the current five-year capital programme budget of £21.091m for 2024/25 to 2028/29, agreed at full Council on 14th of September 2023, and recorded in Appendices A and B of committee report [HC/31/23](#).

Appendix 2.1 Major bridge schemes priority list									
No	Bridge Code	Bridge Name	Area	Priority Score ^[1]	Est £k	Cum Total £k	Scope of Work	Funded?	Lifeline [5]
1	B08610010	NESS	Inverness	65.7	1,850	1,850	Refurbishment and maintenance	Yes ^[2]	
2	A08900080	STRATHCARRON	Ross and Cromarty	64.1	11,000	12,850	Replacement or refurbishment	Partly ^[3]	
3	F00000020	INFIRMARY	Inverness	62.6	535	13,385	Minimal Refurbishment	Yes	
4	B08630060	KINLOCHLEVEN VIADUCT	Lochaber	61.2	2,550	15,935	Feasibility study and refurbishment	Partly ^[3]	
5	C11520020	SPEY BRIDGE CROMDALE	Badenoch and Strathspey	60.6	2,200	18,135	Assessment and Refurbishment	No^[4]	
6	A08360290	NAVER	Sutherland	60.4	15,370	33,505	Replacement	Yes	
7	A08360090	BONAR	Sutherland	58.9	1,450	34,955	Refurbishment	Yes ^[2]	
8	B80070070	GLENMORE	Lochaber	57.9	1,900	36,855	Replacement	Awaiting	Y
9	C11060010	BLACK BRIDGE KILMORACK	Inverness	57.7	15,000	51,855	Replacement (possibly by SSE)	Awaiting	
10	A088400XX	A884 BRIDGES	Lochaber	56.9	2,870	54,725	Replacement (Creiche, Cloiche, Easgadill)	Awaiting	Y
11	A08360260	BORGIE	Sutherland	54.1	770	55,495	Refurbishment	Awaiting	
12	C11080050	MAULD	Inverness	52.2	7,550	63,045	Replacement	Awaiting	
13	C11540030	DULSIE	Nairn and Cawdor	50.3	480	63,525	Refurbishment	Awaiting	
14	B91590010	WICK HARBOUR	Caithness	47.2	10,450	73,975	Replacement	Awaiting	
15	A08310100	COMAR	Inverness	46.6	850	74,825	Refurbishment	Awaiting	
16	A08940030	KYLESKU	Sutherland	44.8	2,450	77,275	Refurbishment	Awaiting	
17	A08840090	ACHNAGAVIN	Lochaber	44.6	920	78,195	Refurbishment	Awaiting	

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No	Bridge Code	Bridge Name	Area	Priority Score ^[1]	Est £k	Cum Total £k	Scope of Work	Funded?	Lifeline [5]
18	A08320060	MOY	Ross and Cromarty	44.4	12,500	90,695	Replacement	Awaiting	
19	A08840080	ACHARN	Lochaber	43.2	1,200	91,895	Refurbishment	Awaiting	
20	A08380010	TIRRY	Sutherland	42.5	4,800	96,695	Replacement	Awaiting	
21	A08380020	FIAG	Sutherland	40.5	1,950	98,645	Replacement	Awaiting	
22	U46200010	WATERLOO	Inverness	38.5	2,650	101,295	Steelwork repairs and repaint	Awaiting	
23	U24000020	SLOCHD COTTAGES RAILWAY	Badenoch and Strathspey	35.9	1,000	102,295	Strengthening and refurbishment	No ^[4]	
24	U51640010	OLD WHITEBRIDGE	Nairn and Cawdor	32.6	250	102,545	Repointing	Yes ^[2]	

Notes

[1] The priority score is out of 100 with higher scores being worse.

[2] Scheme funded under the generic major bridges line of the five-year 2024/25 to 2028/29 capital programme.

[3] Scheme is partly funded (initial feasibility and design only) under generic major bridges line of capital programme.

[4] Scheme (in bold) not funded under capital programme. Proposed 'managed decline' and eventual closure.

[5] For the purposes of this bulletin a bridge is considered "Lifeline" if it is on a route with no available diversion (i.e. a dead-end road).