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A709 Corridor Upgrade					
It is recognised that major improvements are needed on the A709 corridor in order to provide better connectivity to the Central Belt.					
Intervention	Description	Estimated Expenditure 2009-2024	Potential Partners	Progress to 2022/23	Timescale and Comments (2022/23)
A709 Corridor Fastlink	Construction of a new road between Dumfries and Lockerbie to offer enhanced connectivity to Central Scotland	£54m (2002 price base)	Transport Scotland, Dumfries and Galloway Council	STAG Part 1 complete. STAG Part 2 complete and submitted to the Scottish Government and response received.	Considered at Board meeting on 26 March 2010 - to be retained as an aspiration.
Quality Bus Link between Dumfries Railway Station and Lockerbie Railway Station	Quality bus link and enhancements at both stations, including new Accessible Bus provision, access facilities, bus turning facilities, and Real Time Information	£600,000	Transport Scotland, Network Rail, Scotrail, Dumfries and Galloway Council, Bus Operators	Substantially completed under GoSmart programme.	Potential for further improvements at Lockerbie, specifically integration of bus and rail.

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Bus Network Quality Strategy					
Package of measures aimed at improving the quality of the bus network, its integration with rail, cycling and walking, and its attractiveness to users. This includes new bus interchanges at key towns, new bus shelters across the network, real-time passenger information at key nodes, accessible buses and increased service frequencies on the rural bus network. The potential to use biofuels and reduce emissions will be examined.					
Intervention	Description	Estimated Expenditure 2009-2024	Potential Partners	Progress to 2022/23	Timescale and Comments (2022/23)
New Bus Interchanges at Key Towns	Development of enhanced bus interchange facilities at key towns	£1,000,000	Dumfries and Galloway Council, Bus Operators	Newton Stewart, Annan, Gretna, Moffat and Castle Douglas complete	Complete
Accessible Buses	Enhanced bus access with low floor buses and improved stops	TBC	Dumfries and Galloway Council, Bus Operators	Fully accessible buses specified in all SWestrans contracts.	Ongoing
Increased Service Frequencies on Rural Bus Network	Enhanced bus network with regular stopping patterns and improved frequencies	TBC	Dumfries and Galloway Council, Bus Operators	Policy Root & Branch Review Complete	Pressure from public sector funding contraction continues.
Real Time Passenger Information at Key Nodes	Introduction of message systems at key bus nodes to inform passengers of real-time bus movements	£2,000,000	Dumfries and Galloway Council, Bus Operators	Extensive provision. System removed in 2016 due to financial savings required.	To be included in new Regional Transport Strategy.
New Bus Shelters Across Network	Roll-out of enhanced bus shelters across the region offering improved waiting environment	TBC	Dumfries and Galloway Council, Bus Operators	Shelters provided from Capital Expenditure Programme across region	Ongoing
Development of Bus Information Strategy	Upgrade information at bus stops. Develop Bus/Air/Rail information and Traveline. Develop integrated ticketing strategy	TBC	Dumfries and Galloway Council, Bus Operators, Rail Operators, Airline Operators	New style bus information panels provided across the region	Ongoing, issues with current software being addressed.
Improved Facilities at Rural Pick-up Points	Low cost improvement measures	TBC	Dumfries and Galloway Council		Ongoing
Bikes on Rural Buses	Development of policy with operators	TBC	Dumfries and Galloway Council, Bus Operators		To be included in new Regional Transport Strategy.

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Dumfries Southern Bypass					
Construction of a new bypass south of Dumfries with a specific emphasis on improved connectivity to the critical Crichton area and the health and education services located there.					
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Dumfries Southern Bypass	Construction of a new bypass south of Dumfries with a specific emphasis on improved connectivity to the Crichton area (includes improvements to radial routes)	£56 million (2002 prices)	Dumfries & Galloway Council, Scottish Government, Developers	STAG Part 1 complete, STAG Part 2 complete. Not included in STPR2.	Further Board consideration may be required.

Dumfries Town Centre Bus Station					
Development of a new bus station in Dumfries town centre which acts as a key transport node for the wider region. This includes compensatory parking to replace spaces lost to the redevelopment of existing parking stock for the bus station and associated traffic management measures					
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Dumfries Town Centre Bus Interchange	Development of a new bus station in Dumfries town centre, possibly at a site of an existing car park with compensatory relocated parking	£4,000,000	Scottish Government, Dumfries & Galloway Council	Study completed. Public consultation exercise completed. Council opted not to progress.	To be included in new Regional Transport Strategy

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Dumfries Town Centre Public Realm Improvements Including Walking and Cycling Enhancements					
Package of measures improving the quality of transport infrastructure in Dumfries town centre. This includes public realm improvements, improved access to the rail station and improvements to walking and cycling routes in Dumfries designed to stimulate further regeneration of the regional capital					
Intervention	Description	Estimated Expenditure 2009-2024	Potential Partners	Progress to 2022/23	Timescale and Comments (2022/23)
Dumfries Town Centre Public Realm Improvements	Series of improvements to the attractiveness and amenity of the town centre including transport links.	TBC	Dumfries & Galloway Council, Private Sector	Friars Vennel, Bank Street, Plainstones and Burns Statue complete.	Complete
Crichton Access Roads	Improved road access to the Crichton	£2,000,000	Dumfries & Galloway Council	Included with Dumfries Southern Bypass	
Dumfries Bus Priority	Improvements on key bus routes in Dumfries	£1,000,000	Dumfries & Galloway Council, Bus Operators	Concluded with report to Council	
Sustainable Transport Initiatives	Opportunities in Dumfries from development of Southern Bypass	TBC	Dumfries & Galloway Council, Bus Operators, Forums	Elements completed as part of GoSMART Dumfries	
Cycling/Walking Improvements Dumfries	Improvements to the cycling/ walking network	£1,000,000	Dumfries & Galloway Council, Cycling Scotland, Sustrans	Maxwelltown Cycle Path including Connect2 Queen of the South Viaduct complete. Facilities provided as part of GoSMART Dumfries	Further projects being progressed in partnership with Dumfries & Galloway Council aligned with the new Active Travel Strategy.
Dumfries Town Centre – Rail Station Access	Improve access arrangements to Dumfries railway station	£300,000	Transport Scotland, Network Rail, Scotrail, Dumfries & Galloway Council	Completed as part of GoSMART Dumfries	ScotRail published the Dumfries Station Travel Plan in 2019.
Dumfries Park and Choose Network	Development of a series of Park and Choose sites around Dumfries	TBC	Dumfries & Galloway Council, Scottish Government, Operators	Substantial development as part of GoSMART Dumfries	
Dumfries Sustainable Travel Demonstration Town	Partnership with Scottish Government and Dumfries & Galloway Council	£6.8 million	Scottish Government, Dumfries & Galloway Council, other partners	Complete	

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Rail Services Upgrade Enhanced rail services on the West Coast Main Line (WCML) and the Glasgow and South Western Line (GSWL)					
Intervention	Description	Estimated Expenditure 2009-2024	Potential Partners	Progress to 2022/23	Timescale and Comments (2022/23)
Improved Lockerbie – Glasgow Service	Improved rail services between Lockerbie and Glasgow	N/A	Transport Scotland, Network Rail, Scotrail, Dumfries & Galloway Council		Continue to lobby for improved services from Lockerbie station. Lockerbie Station Liaison Group reconvened March 2020.
Improved Lockerbie – Edinburgh Service	Improved rail services between Lockerbie and Edinburgh	N/A	Transport Scotland, Network Rail, Scotrail, Dumfries & Galloway Council	Some improvements to services realised.	Potential for further improvements.
GSW Service Frequency / Journey Time Enhancements Combined with Gretna Annan Doubling	Improved rail services between Carlisle and Glasgow	N/A	Transport Scotland, Network Rail, Scotrail, Dumfries & Galloway Council	Timetable improvements from May 2022.	Large gaps within Dumfries – Glasgow timetable now addressed. SWestrans submitted a paper detailing the rail timetable needs to Transport Scotland as part of their PFG commitment to review rail in SW Scotland.
	Reinstatement of double track between Gretna and Annan	£36,000,000		Complete	Complete

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<p>Stranraer Line Frequency / Journey Time Enhancements</p>	<p>The introduction of additional trains and local line improvements</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Transport Scotland, Network Rail, Scotrail, Dumfries & Galloway Council</p>	<p>Community Rail Partnership established. Partnership study with SPT, Transport Scotland and Passenger Focus for section between Ayr and Stranraer complete</p>	<p>Stranraer Line position paper agreed by Board in 2017 and shared with relevant decision-makers.</p>
<p>Rail Services to Prestwick Airport via GSWL</p>	<p>Improved rail services to Prestwick Airport from Dumfries and Galloway</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Transport Scotland, Network Rail, Scotrail, Dumfries & Galloway Council</p>	<p>Partnership study with SPT, Transport Scotland and Passenger Focus for section between Ayr and Stranraer complete</p>	

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Regionwide Rail Stations Strategy					
New rail stations at Thornhill, Eastriggs, Beattock and Dunragit / Glenluce area and accessibility improvements at Lockerbie and Kirkconnel stations					
Intervention	Description	Estimated Expenditure 2009-2024	Potential Partners	Progress to 2022/23	Timescale and Comments (2022/23)
Region-wide Stations Strategy	New rail stations at locations across the region including Thornhill, Eastriggs, Dunragit/ Glenluce area and Beattock	£7m - £12m	Transport Scotland, Network Rail, Scotrail, Dumfries & Galloway Council	Original STAG Studies complete for Thornhill and Eastriggs, and submitted to Transport Scotland. Response received. Advised that new STAG studies required to progress.	STAG Appraisals completed for Eastriggs, Beattock and Thornhill and submitted to Transport Scotland. Further addendums submitted following conclusion of STPR2.
Accessibility Improvements – Lockerbie Station	Improved access to Lockerbie station, particularly for wheelchair users to the southbound platform	£1,400,000	Transport Scotland, Network Rail, Dumfries & Galloway Council	Disabled Access project complete	Complete
Accessibility Improvements – Kirkconnel Station	Improved access to Kirkconnel station, particularly for wheelchair users to the southbound platform	TBC	Transport Scotland, Network Rail, Scotrail, Dumfries & Galloway Council	Network Rail has been asked to consider accessibility improvements. Study into alternatives to a bridge and lifts option being progressed	LRDF bid accepted and Case for Change submitted to Transport Scotland.

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Stranraer Waterfront and Town Centre Public Realm Improvements Including Public Rail / Bus Interchange Hub and Walking and Cycling Enhancements					
Package of measures improving the quality of transport infrastructure in Stranraer town centre and waterfront area. This includes public realm improvements, improved walking and cycling linkages between the town centre and the waterfront and the development of integrated public transport interchange and associated multi-modal rail / bus / ferry links					
Intervention	Description	Estimated Expenditure 2009-2024	Potential Partners	Progress to 2022/23	Timescale and Comments (2022/23)
Integrated Public Transport Interchange, Stranraer, and Associated Multi-modal Rail / Bus / Ferry Links	Development of integrated public transport interchange for rail, bus and ferry users. Undertake further study to review possible extension of railway line to Cairnryan	£2,350,000	Dumfries & Galloway Council, Transport Scotland, Scottish Government, Network Rail, EU-ERDF	StenaLine relocation complete 2011.	Budget allocation for interchange removed and absorbed within regeneration project.
Stranraer Town Centre/ Waterfront Links	Package of measures improving the quality of transport infrastructure in Stranraer town centre including public realm improvements and improved walking and cycling linkages between the town centre and the waterfront and ferry terminals	TBC	Dumfries & Galloway Council, Private Sector	StenaLine relocation complete.	Project being taken forward by Dumfries and Galloway Council with assistance from SWestrans officers.

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Regionwide Cycling / Walking and Sustainable Travel Projects Including Completion of the National Cycle Network					
Completion of the National Cycle Network – NCR 73 Newton Stewart – Cairnryan to link NCN Network in Scotland to NCN in Northern Ireland via the Loch Ryan ferry terminals. Involves completion of the Dunragit Bypass and Innermessan to Drummuckloch and cycle / walking path between Beattock and Moffat and cycle / walking path between Lochmaben and Lockerbie. An East to West Cycleway along the line of the Southern Upland Way.					
Intervention	Description	Estimated Expenditure 2009-2024	Potential Partners	Progress to 2022/23	Timescale and Comments (2022/23)
Lockerbie to Lochmaben Cycle Route	Link to NCN and employment opportunities, providing alternative route to A709, requires bridge over River Annan	£1,000,000	Dumfries & Galloway Council, Cycling Scotland, Sustrans	Initial design, land issues and external funding opportunities continue to be investigated	The Board agreed to curtail work on this element at its meeting in March 2018.
Moffat to Beattock Cycle Route	Link to NCN extending link from Dumfries and providing off-road alternative to A701	£250,000	Dumfries & Galloway Council, Cycling Scotland, Sustrans	Path complete between Beattock and Hidden Corner.	Complete
National Cycle Network Completion	Completion of NCN linking Newton Stewart and Stranraer to Cairnryan, linking to ferry terminals and Northern Ireland	£900,000	Dumfries & Galloway Council, Cycling Scotland, Sustrans, Transport Scotland, EU-Interreg4	Works on Newton Stewart to Stranraer complete following the completion of the Dunragit Bypass.	Complete when Transport Scotland do Drummuckloch to Innermessan Scheme on A77.
Sustainable Travel Plan and Associated Projects	Travel Plans for staff of large businesses and public bodies. Marketing of DGTripshare. Bike Scheme. Active Travel Strategy. Consideration of Park & Cycle projects	TBC	Dumfries & Galloway Council, NHS Dumfries & Galloway, Dumfries South Travel Plan Group, Dumfries & Galloway College	Travel Plan for DGRI and Crichton Royal Hospitals complete. DGTripshare established. Dumfries & Galloway Council Travel Plan complete.	Potential for public sector travel plans in locations other than Dumfries.
Provision of Cycling / Walking Infrastructure at Various Locations across the Region	Cycling / Walking routes to link into National and Strategic routes	TBC	Dumfries & Galloway Council, Sustrans, ERDF, Cycling Scotland	Various facilities provided under previous expenditure programmes.	Further opportunities being taken forward by Dumfries & Galloway Council.
East – West Cycle Route along Southern Upland Way Corridor	Cycling/Walking route to link into national and strategic routes and communities	TBC	Dumfries & Galloway Council, Sustrans, Cycling Scotland	Design, land issues continue to be investigated.	On-going