



## News Release

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### RTP BOUNDARIES CONFIRMED

The proposed boundaries for the new regional transport partnerships (RTPs) have been confirmed today by the Transport Minister Tavish Scott.

These new regional partnerships will ensure that everyone involved in transport planning in their region considers the case for investment and infrastructure, and guides and co-ordinates the transport planning of individual councils in the delivery of that strategy.

Across Scotland there will be seven RTPs leading on regional transport strategy and delivery, building on the achievements of the four voluntary regional transport partnerships and SPT and ensuring a modern strategic transport network.

The RTPs will be:

- Central and Tay
- Highlands and Islands of Scotland
- North East Scotland
- Shetland
- South East Scotland
- South West Scotland
- West of Scotland

Mr Scott also today announced funding totalling 15 million pounds has been awarded to Scotland's four voluntary regional transport partnerships, Strathclyde Passenger Transport, Dundee City Council and Angus Council to improve public transport across Scotland.

The funding will be used this year to improve services, to invest in infrastructure and to pave the way for the delivery of major investment by the new statutory regional transport partnerships in the next 2 years.

Mr Scott said:

“Having reflected on all views put to me by local authorities and others from across Scotland, I believe the RTP boundaries announced today give the most balanced strategic transport groupings to meet the needs of each individual area.

“The regional transport partnerships and Strathclyde Passenger Transport have a proven track record in planning and delivering improved transport infrastructure and services. The investment announced today will allow them to continue to deliver improvements on the ground and tackle transport problems on a regional scale.”

Notes to News Editors:

1. The Transport (Scotland) Act 2005, which received Royal Assent on 5 August requires the establishment of new statutory regional transport partnerships.
2. Regional transport partnerships will take on their full powers in April 2006 and will improve regional transport through:
  - Provision of a more strategic approach to planning and delivery
  - Building on existing joint working relationships
  - Working in partnership with the new national transport agency
  - Bringing together local authorities and principal stakeholders
3. Their primary statutory duty will be to draw up a transport strategy for their region. The objective of capital funding from the Scottish Executive is to support the delivery of these strategies.
4.
  - a) The Central and Tay Transport Partnership - Angus Council, Dundee City Council, Perth and Kinross Council and Stirling Council.
  - b) The Highlands and Islands Transport Partnership - Argyll and Bute Council (except Helensburgh and Lomond), Highland Council, Moray Council, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar and Orkney Islands Council.
  - c) The North East of Scotland Transport Partnership - Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeenshire Council.
  - d) The Shetland Transport Partnership - Shetland Islands Council.
  - e) The South East of Scotland Transport Partnership - City of Edinburgh Council, Clackmannanshire Council, East Lothian Council, Falkirk Council, Fife Council, Midlothian Council, Scottish Borders Council and West Lothian Council.

f) The South West of Scotland Transport Partnership - Dumfries and Galloway Council.

g) The West of Scotland Transport Partnership - Argyll and Bute Council (Helensburgh and Lomond only), East Ayrshire Council, East Dunbartonshire Council, East Renfrewshire Council, Glasgow City Council, Inverclyde Council, North Ayrshire Council, North Lanarkshire Council, Renfrewshire Council, South Ayrshire Council, South Lanarkshire Council and West Dunbartonshire Council.

5. The allocations for 2005-06 are:

NESTRANS (North-east Scotland)  
£1.293m

HITRANS (Highlands and Islands)  
£1.287m

SESTRAN (South-east Scotland)  
£4.913m

WESTRANS/Strathclyde Passenger Transport  
£6.764m

(West of Scotland and Dumfries and  
Galloway)

Dundee City Council  
£0.424m

Angus Council  
£0.319m

6. Some of this year's funding will be available to carry out the necessary preparatory work to support the delivery of regional transport strategies. The Scottish Budget includes annual capital funding of £35 million in 2006-07 and 2007-08 for regional transport partnerships and will be allocated later this year.

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