

Scotland



Our route looks after Scotland's railway infrastructure, and together with Abellio ScotRail, our partners in the ScotRail Alliance, our vision is to build the best railway that Scotland has ever had. Together we are improving the network for passengers, business and local communities.

More than 96 million journeys are made every year on Scotland's railway, twice the number a decade ago. This growth is expected to continue, with numbers forecast to double on many busier routes and at major terminal stations. At the same time we are delivering a punctual and reliable service every day for rail and freight services both within Scotland and cross-border.

The rail industry is key to Scotland's economic success, providing links between communities and employment, industries and markets. Looking forward to the next control period, CP6, we intend to support the Scottish Government's priorities for economic growth and development, essential to providing a prosperous and sustainable future for Scotland.

We are committed to making best use of the resources available, as well as developing our approach to reflect innovation, best practice and partnering with stakeholders to optimise the development of the railway. And I am proud that the needs of passengers and freight will be placed at the heart of the rail industry, and the heart of Scotland's railway.



Alex Hynes

Managing Director
ScotRail Alliance

At a glance

Benefits to our passengers

- Enhance passenger journey experience by improving stations and enabling the cascade of new rolling stock.
- Even with the additional trains running on Scotland's railway, it is our intention to maintain delivery of a high performing network.

Benefits to economy

The rail industry is key to Scotland's economic success contributing up to £670 million each year and employing more than 13,000 people. Scotland's Economic Strategy sets out the Scottish Government's plans to achieve a more productive, cohesive and fairer country, and identifies that Scotland's railway is key to Scotland's prosperity and quality of life, sustaining links between our communities to employment opportunities, businesses, industries, market services and educational social facilities.

Sources of additional funding

In CP6 we will explore opportunities for third party investment with a focus on Local Authorities as funders in the first instance. Collaborative and successful relationships with Local Authorities are key to a majority of railway enhancement schemes. In particular there are opportunities to align asset renewals and enhancement works to bridges with road authority schemes to unlock shared benefits and potentially reduce maintenance costs.



96m passenger journeys each year



358 stations



591 level crossings



3,000 employees



2,500 passenger trains everyday



Working with over 160 suppliers



Rail industry in Scotland contributes £670m to Scottish economy

Our plans for CP6

Freight

- Support freight market in Scotland through new and sustainable markets
- Facilitate the growth of new rail freight business by maximising existing flows and development of new business / terminal facilities

Reliability

- Invest more to provide increased physical resilience to extreme weather events, to reduce impact upon passenger and freight services
- A data driven maintenance and renewal plan based 'Predict & Prevent' - utilising remote condition monitoring, risk-based maintenance, train-borne measurement and other technologies to drive the correct intervention at the correct time

Safety

- Relentless focus on workforce, passenger and public safety to deliver 'Everyone Home Safe Every Day'

Journey Time

- Working with Transport Scotland and industry colleagues to identify opportunities to reduce journey times across the network

Capacity

- Increase capacity on key routes, with the roll out of electrification, new rolling stock and proposed redeployment of the diesel fleet, and station enhancements. Ensuring the resilience and reliability of our most congested areas will be critical to delivery of a high performing network

Our Stakeholder engagement

Stakeholder needs and aspirations were identified through the Route Study process, and work with Transport Scotland is ongoing to build on the outcomes and develop priorities for investment and ensure effective co-ordination with other industry activities.

These will be progressed on a continuous basis to promote better planning and alignment with long-term government strategic outcomes, reflecting the availability of funding and the maturity of projects.

We are grateful to all our stakeholders that have engaged with us as we work to develop our plans, and these have included: Scottish Ministers, Transport Scotland, passenger operators, including Abellio ScotRail, Virgin Trains East Coast, Virgin Trains West Coast, TransPennine Express, Caledonian Sleeper, CrossCountry, Colas Rail, GB Railfreight, DB Cargo, Freightliner, Direct Rail Services Ltd., Charter operators, the UK Government, HS2 Ltd, and the ORR.

Stakeholder priorities

- Deliver a punctual and reliable railway for passengers and freight services in Scotland and cross border
- Improve capacity through continuation and completion of activity commenced in CP5 to deliver rolling stock and infrastructure enhancements
- Improve efficiency and value for money for the taxpayer, fare-payer and rail freight customers
- More effective integration between Network Rail and rail operators
- Deliver a reliable infrastructure, resilient to major disruption
- Work as one railway to build the best railway Scotland has ever had

