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Dear Member,

Further to my letter of 27 November 2024, I am writing to provide you with an update on the Buchan Sustainable Transport Study.

The study was commissioned by the Campaign for North East Rail (CNER) and the Aberdeen and Grampian Chamber of Commerce (AGCC), funded by the Scottish Government's Just Transition Fund (JTF). The study explores options to address road safety problems on the A90/A952 between Aberdeen and Fraserburgh, reduce journey time variability, increase sustainable accessibility to job opportunities and support a just transition away from oil and gas.

I have now considered the advice of my officials on the findings of the study. Additionally, officials met with the CNER and AGCC on 7 April and attended a roundtable event on 13 June, along with the Regional Transport Partnership Nestrans, to discuss next steps.

The study demonstrates a need for greater sustainable transport connectivity in the North East and identifies an important opportunity regarding the existing and future freight needs, particularly for renewable and carbon capture industries as the area transitions away from oil and gas. I am keen to continue open discussion/s on this opportunity and have agreed for my officials at Transport Scotland to support AGCC, CNER and Nestrans to scope a complementary piece of work to further understand this.

I would like to thank CNER, AGCC and all those that have engaged in this important work. I am very supportive of improving sustainable travel options in the North East and hope this further work will provide more insight into the best solution for the area.

Yours Sincerely,



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**Cabinet Secretary for Transport**

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