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### Key



Queuing at key junctions. Issues include:

- Lack of capacity at junctions
- Junction layouts
- Local traffic competing with trunk road through traffic
- Future development will exacerbate existing issues.

**Longman Roundabout**

**Smithton Junction**

**Raigmore Interchange**

**Inverness Retail Park Junction**

Pressure on local roads leading to local traffic using the A9 between Longman, Raigmore and Inshes

Access to development planned at Inverness East

There are also a number of environmental constraints in the study area to consider in the overall assessment

Few opportunities to cross A9

Few opportunities to cross rail line

**Inshes Junctions**



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## Introduction

**Providing a new link from the A9 to the A96 was identified in the Scottish Government's Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR) published in 2008.**

In February 2012, proposals for a dual carriageway Trunk Road between Inshes and Smithton were presented at public exhibitions.

Following the comments received, Transport Scotland has taken the opportunity to examine the wider context of the A9/A96 connection.

The ongoing appraisal is looking at updated information on transport and land use issues to confirm the current and future key problems and opportunities in the study area.

The A9/A96 Connections Study is being carried out in line with the principles of Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) which looks at all modes of transport including walking, cycling and public transport.

This leaflet provides a summary of the exhibition panels including details of the ongoing appraisal which will look at options that potentially address identified problems and opportunities against a range of criteria. Transport Scotland is looking for public feedback on the Connections Study.



## What happens next...

**Work is ongoing to develop and appraise further options in addition to those previously presented at public exhibitions in 2012 that could potentially address the problems and opportunities within the study area.**

While not yet fully developed, the new options are likely to include junction improvements, additional links across the A9 and bus priority on key routes.

We plan to present these options at an exhibition in Spring 2014 where feedback from the public will be welcomed.

Your feedback will be taken into account as part of the appraisal, before any decision is taken about which options will be progressed to the next stage of assessment.

Transport Scotland looks forward to receiving your feedback and comments.

For more information, including that presented in February 2012,

please visit the Transport Scotland website:  
**[www.transportscotland.gov.uk](http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk)**

We invite your feedback and comments using the feedback form. Please leave them in the comments box provided at the exhibition or email:

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## Further information

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