

## **Press Release - 2nd Dec 2011 -17.30 Update Landslip A83 – 0.5 miles east of RABT**

### Update from Transport Scotland

A Transport Scotland spokesman said:

"Public safety remains our main priority and we appreciate the patience shown by those affected since the road closure yesterday.

"At present the A83 at the Rest and be Thankful remains closed except to emergency vehicles, with diversions via the A819, A85 and A82 remaining in place.

"Work to clear the road of around 120 tonnes of mud and boulders has concluded and the road surface and drainage systems have now been cleaned. Detailed surveys on the slopes above the road have been carried out today by geotechnical experts and additional safety mitigation measures are being put in place later today.

"Given the need to closely monitor hillside conditions, which can only be conducted during daylight hours, coupled with the Met Office forecast for rainfall and changeable conditions until Tuesday, road authority partners have concluded the A83 should open during daylight hours only, reverting to the diversions above during hours of dark.

"We therefore expect to reopen the road to traffic at 8.30am tomorrow morning (Sat) and for it to remain open during daylight hours, closing again at 4pm. This arrangement is scheduled to remain in place until Tuesday when it will be reviewed again, and is subject to prevailing weather and road conditions.

"This solution is designed first and foremost to protect the safety of drivers using the road and road workers manning the traffic management arrangements, whilst accommodating the needs of the local communities."

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Motorists should allow extra time for their journeys and pay attention to any advisory signs which will be in place throughout the works.

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Diversion for traffic in both directions will be via A83 Inveraray – A819 Dalmally – A85 Tyndrum – A82 Tarbet. This will add an extra 26 miles to the journey