

## Press Release

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A9 Kessock Bridge works - 19<sup>th</sup> June to 26<sup>th</sup> June 2011

### **Public asked to help ease congestion as delays of up to 1 hour expected**

In an effort to reduce the volume of vehicles crossing Kessock Bridge during the upcoming emergency works on the bridge, Scotland TranServ today reiterated its request to motorists to use public transport alternatives or car share during works. It is also encouraging employers to allow staff to work from home and to be flexible with working hours.

The public are also being asked to avoid making unnecessary journeys particularly during peak commuting hours and at lunch time. Delays of up to an hour can be expected if these measures are not embraced by the public.

Plans to help remove traffic on the Kessock Bridge during the upcoming emergency works include ScotRail providing extra capacity on the early morning Lairg to Inverness route and the evening Inverness to Ardgay.

#### **Additional train capacity details**

An extra two carriages (121 seats) will be provided Monday – Friday on

- 0634 hours Lairg to Inverness service, arriving in Inverness at 0815 hours
- 1715 hours Inverness to Ardgay service, arriving in Ardgay at 1838 hours

Norrie Westbrook, Contract Director at Scotland TranServ said:

“We are encouraging people to think about their travel during these works and use public transport or car pool if they can. Another option is to work flexible hours outwith peak travel times, or to work from home.

“We are cautioning motorists that delays of up to an hour during peak times could be experienced, however by minimising the traffic volume on the bridge the impact of these works can be greatly reduced.

“We apologise in advance for the inevitable delays these emergency repair works will bring and would like to thank everyone for their assistance in helping to reduce traffic during this week.”

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Motorists should allow extra time for their journeys and pay attention to any advisory signs in place throughout the works. For real time journey planning information visit [www.trafficscotland.org](http://www.trafficscotland.org)

A twitter account will also be set up to provide up to the minute information about the works, [www.twitter.com/kessockbridge](http://www.twitter.com/kessockbridge)