

## Press Release

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### **New Debris Fences for the Rest and be Thankful Work Starts Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

Starting on Monday 25th January 2010 Scotland Transerv, on behalf of Transport Scotland, will erect two debris fences on the slopes immediately above the A83 at the Rest and Be Thankful to minimise the risk of landslip material reaching the road at these specific locations.

One fence will be 4m high and 80m long, the other much smaller fence will be installed within an existing stream channel. Remote sensing equipment will also be installed at specific locations on the slopes above the road as part of Scotland Transerv's ongoing monitoring programme.

This programme also includes Laser scanning of the slope and visual observations to identify and evaluate any recorded slope movements or other concerns.

The cost for the fences and associated remote sensing equipment is approximately £310,000. The work is scheduled to commence on January 25th, 2010 with an estimated duration of five weeks. Traffic management will remain in place throughout the duration of these works.

Further works include the replacement of the existing culvert, repair of the embankment and the resurfacing of the road. The last phase of works will include the installation of the new wig wag signs as part of a two-year pilot to test their efficiency as a warning system for drivers.

Leaflets will be distributed this week throughout Argyll & Bute highlighting the detail of the overall investment of £780,000 in Transport Scotland's Landslide Action Plan.

A spokesman for Scotland Transerv said

'It is pleasing to see that designs are now coming to fruition in this complex geotechnical area. These works will allow the trunk road to re-open to two-way traffic and offer protection and advance warning to the travelling public. '

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