

Press Release

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Landslide Mitigation Measures

A number of mitigation measures have been implemented following the slippage, including Traffic Management remaining onsite, erecting floodlights in the landslip area, installing tilt meters to observe the hillside above the roadside and instigating patrols of the hillside in the event of a deterioration in the forecast weather conditions whilst ensuring a heightened level of monitoring remains.

Further to these actions work continues to identify further measures to mitigate against the impact of landslides wherever they occur on our network. The landslide at the Rest and be Thankful has come under particular scrutiny and information is available on the Transport Scotland's Rest and be Thankful website page at

<http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/road/maintenance/prioritising-and-maintaining/landslides/A83-rest-and-be-thankful>

Graham Edmond, Head of Road Maintenance at Transport Scotland said:

"Transport Scotland fully understands the impact landslides can have on communities and we continue to plan for and manage the risk associated with them across Scotland.

Around the Rest and be thankful in particular, we are looking at protective netting, shelters and the potential for planting on the hillside. The improvement and strengthening of the nearby forestry road, as an emergency alternative, is also being investigated as discussed at previous meetings."