

## Winter Service Plan: Fast Facts

- Scotland TranServ is responsible for managing and maintaining over 1,400 km of trunk roads in North West Scotland.
- Scotland TranServ will co-ordinate winter maintenance activities through over 100 trained and experienced operatives working from 12 strategically placed depots.
- Scotland TranServ's winter maintenance programme runs from 1<sup>st</sup> October until 15<sup>th</sup> each year, but will be extended beyond these dates should weather forecasts or actual conditions dictate.
- Our winter maintenance programme is flexible, allowing us to react to conditions as effectively as possible to minimise the disruption to motorists.
- We use up-to-the-minute weather forecasts and a computerised ice detection system of 48 stations covering the network, backed up by regular overnight patrols on specified routes, to keep our staff as informed as possible at all times.
- TranServ does not just react to problems but concentrates on taking preventative measures to stop snow compacting and ice forming.
- Between 1<sup>st</sup> November and 31<sup>st</sup> March winter operations will be controlled from a Control Rooms which is operated on a 24/7 basis.
- Prior to 1<sup>st</sup> October each year, dry runs are carried out on all treatment routes to check plant for operational readiness
- We have invested in excess of £6 million in plant and machinery.
- Scotland TranServ has 45 state of the art de-icing spreader units fitted with snow ploughs, which are fitted with Global Positioning Systems (GPS), and which have onboard computers to monitor and control the spread of salt.
- This winter TranServ expect to use around 35,000 tonnes of de-icing material on the network.
- TranServ has 3 state of the art Snow blowers. These all-wheel drive vehicles are capable of moving more than 600 tonnes of snow per hour from snow walls up to 4m high.
- Scotland TranServ operates its winter maintenance activity in close co-operation with local Police Forces and adjacent Local Authorities.
- Regular updates are posted on Scotland TranServ's website – [www.scotlandtranserv.co.uk](http://www.scotlandtranserv.co.uk)

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