36970 Nicholson Square

All required information relates to anything since November 2019 at Nicholson Square

How authorities decide which roads to repair, or who should receive funding?

Roads in all Scottish Council areas are independently assessed by a company called WDM who present, on an annual basis, a Road Condition Index (RCI) for each Council under the Scottish Road Maintenance Survey (SRMCS). The RCI gives the percentage of the carriageway network which should be considered for investment.

The survey picks up four defect categories from the carriageway network (Profile, Texture, Cracking and Rutting) and assigns each section to one of four categories: Green (no investment required), Amber 1, Amber 2 and Red. Currently, the majority of carriageways prioritised for investment fall within the Red category.

The outcome of treating the Red category roads only results in a small number of carriageway resurfacing or strengthening schemes being carried out each year, due to the cost of these treatments.

As part of the modelling work for the Roads Asset Management Plan, alternative scenarios for capital investment have been developed. These scenarios are predicated on a more preventative approach and aimed at roads that are in the Amber condition categories. Investment on these roads would require less expensive treatments (e.g., surface dressing, slurry sealing), which would improve the condition of the carriageway or footway and delay the need for more expensive resurfacing or strengthening treatments. Owing to the cheaper cost of the treatments required on Amber condition roads, more roads can be treated each year.

This preventative approach, which was introduced in 2016/17, will treat more roads within the Amber condition categories and fewer within the Red, thus significantly slowing their deterioration and negating the need for more robust, expensive treatments.

When were repairs carried out on the airport bus route Nicholson Square (road)?

Resurfacing was carried out to the A7 and two arms of Nicolson Square as part of a Capital Work scheme in 2018.

When was the bus shelter cleaned of graffiti vandalism?

Graffiti vandalism (some graffiti and stickers) was removed from the bus shelter on Nicolson Square on 5 May 2022.