

The Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland. Our work from 2021-2022



What does MACS do?



MACS is the Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland.



MACS works to make transport better for disabled people.

Information about MACS



MACS gives independent advice.

This means it does not work for an individual or organisation.

MACS gives the views of disabled people.

What work do MACS members do?



- give Scottish Ministers advice on policies that affect the travel needs of disabled people.



- listen to the views and experiences of disabled people when giving advice.



- tell disabled people about changes that affect their choices and chances and how easily they can travel.



- work with:
 - the Scottish Government
 - the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee
 - the Scottish office of the Equality and Human Rights Commission
 - other voluntary and public organisations.



- Tell the people who plan and deliver transport services what disabled people need and want



- Get facts and figures to check if things are working well.

What is MACS' vision? What do we want to see?



MACS want travel to be easy for everyone in Scotland.

What is our Work Plan?



This work plan says what we plan to do from April 2021 to the end of March 2022.



The plan has been agreed by MACS Committee Members and Michael Matheson MSP, Minister for Transport.



MACS members will listen to what public transport disabled people need and what they find difficult.



We will do this using surveys, discussions, events and webinars.



For 2021-22 MACS will work on:



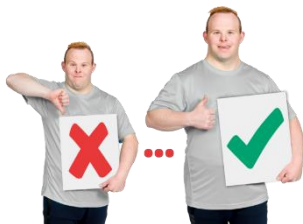
- The National Transport Strategy 2 and the Accessible Travel Fund.



- Spaces for People – making transport safe during coronavirus and having more space to walk, cycle and wheel.



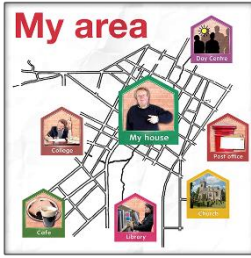
- Motability and the Scottish Government's Accessible Vehicle and Equipment Scheme



- Transport to Health and Social Care. This includes how to make health and social care services better.



- Demand Responsive Transport. This includes looking at what does not work well with concessionary travel and Taxi Card Schemes.



- 20 minute neighbourhoods. This is the idea that you can reach the services you need without using a car.



- Plans for island transport.

MACS believe transport should have a triple A check.

It should be:



- Available – easy to find and use.



- Accessible – everyone can use it.



- Affordable – not expensive



It should help with things that are more difficult because of coronavirus.

It should help to stop disabled people and older people being lonely and cut off from people and services.



There are 6 things we think are the most important.

1. Working with other organisations.



MACS members will keep working with organisations including:

- Scottish Ministers
- Transport Scotland and transport providers
- Councils and NHS Boards
- Disabled People's Organisations
- Equality and Human Rights Commission
- and colleagues from the Inclusive Mobility and Transport Accessibility Committee and the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee.



Each workstream will have a plan that shows what they working on.

The MACS committee will check these plans twice a year.



We will work together with other organisations to:

- share what we have learned
- share what has gone well
- use the same resources
- and work on projects together.

2. Working with Scottish Ministers and giving advice on the travel needs of disabled people



We will work with Scottish Ministers to tell them what disabled people need in transport and what they find difficult.



We will find the right Ministers to work with in any part of the Scottish Government.



We will make reports for the meetings.

The reports will give information about what we would like to see happen.

This will help the meetings go well.



The Committee will give Ministers advice and information about important issues and offer solutions for work that is difficult.

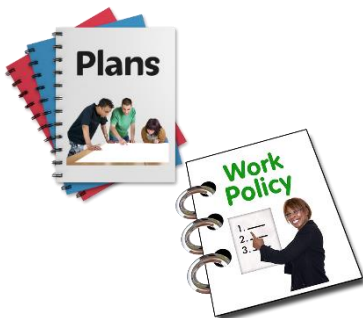
The Committee will give information and advice when Ministers have questions.

3. Giving information



The Committee will give information to consultations and calls for evidence.

We will use information from disabled people or the people who represent them, and from events.



This makes sure we give information and ideas when plans and policies are being made.



Our consultation responses and calls for evidence will be published on the MACS website.

4. Giving information to the National Transport Strategy and the Accessible Travel Framework



MACS have a position on:

- the National Transport Strategy 2 Delivery Board
- the Transport Equalities Network
- and the Accessible Travel Fund Steering Group.



We will keep working with these groups.

We will give advice, look closely at their work and check if it is going well.



We will make sure what disabled people think and want is talked about in these groups.

Once a year we will tell the main Committee:



- what work is going well
- what work is not being done quickly enough
- what needs to happen so everyone has the same access to transport.



5. Developing and learning as a Committee



It is important that the Committee keeps learning and members get new skills.

This will be done using development days, learning sessions and appraisals.



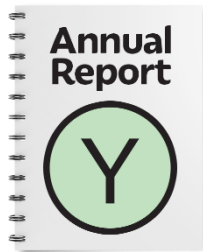
An appraisal is a meeting with the Committee Convenor and a Committee member to talk about their work and what is going well.

6. How will we check if things are working well?

The Committee will do this at the:



- 4 main Committee Meetings
- Workstream Leads Meetings
- Planning and Strategy meetings
- Scoping Days
- Annual Report



The Annual Report is agreed by the Minister for Transport and then given to Parliament.

Making the Committee's Strategic Plan



MACS has some work that will take a long time.

There is information about this in the Strategic Plan for 2021-2024.



We will look at this work every year at the MACS Scoping Day event in November.



We will check the work fits with the Programme for Government.



It sets out what work the Scottish Government is doing.

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