

# COLL AND TIREE LINKSPANS: COMMUNITIES INVITED TO HAVE THEIR SAY

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## CMAL inviting feedback through online survey

Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL) is inviting local communities and ferry users to share their views on plans to replace the linkspan decks at Coll and Tiree ferry terminals.

CMAL announced the £3.7 million project last month and held public meetings in Coll and Tiree in early December, along with CalMac Ferries Limited, to share details of the planned arrangements for the linkspan deck replacements, including the timing of the construction projects, linkspan closures and the proposed alternative ferry service arrangements.

It is anticipated the work will take place in late autumn 2019 at Coll and early spring 2020 at Tiree, and each project will last for approximately four weeks. During the works, a passenger-only service will be running, with a lift-on / lift-off service available for freight customers.

Presentations shared at the public meetings are now available to view on CMAL's website and an online survey is open for people to provide comment and opinion on the plans.

Brian Sydney, senior civil engineer at CMAL said:

“We'd like to thank everyone who attended the public meetings; they were a great opportunity to meet local people and hear their views.

“We understand how important ferry links are to island communities. This is vital harbour maintenance work and, unfortunately, will require a period of linkspan closure, meaning that a vehicle ferry service will be unavailable during the construction period. We hope that the arrangements we're planning to put in place will minimise disruption and inconvenience as far as possible. We would appreciate further feedback and we invite the local community to take part in our online survey.”

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2. Further information on the linkspan project is available at <http://www.cmassets.co.uk/project/coll-and-tiree-linkspan-replacement/>

3. The online survey can be completed at <http://www.cmassets.co.uk/current-projects/linkspan-refurbishment-feedback/>
4. CMAL owns 26 harbours on the west coast of Scotland which support the Clyde and Hebrides Ferry Service (CHFS).
5. CMAL owns 31 ferries which are operating on the CHFS network. These vessels are operated by Calmac Ferries Ltd. CMAL has five vessels on the Northern Isles Ferry Service (NIFS) – three of these are owned by CMAL and two are bareboat chartered from a third party. The operator for NIFS is SERCO Northlink Ferries. Two dual fuel ferries are currently under construction.
6. CMAL is a publicly owned company with Scottish Ministers as the sole shareholder.
7. For more information about CMAL visit: [www.cmassets.co.uk](http://www.cmassets.co.uk)