

CONSULTANT APPOINTED FOR GOUROCK FERRY TERMINAL REDEVELOPMENT

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The Gourock Ferry Terminal Redevelopment project has taken a significant step forward with the appointment of an engineering consultant to develop infrastructure options.

Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL), which owns Gourock Ferry Terminal, has appointed engineering firm Mott MacDonald to draw up high-level options for the redevelopment of the harbour. The options will then be refined to enable the selection of a preferred option, which will be used as the basis of a harbour masterplan for the upgrade of infrastructure.

The Terminal Redevelopment is part of the wider Gourock Harbour Infrastructure & Vessels Project, which is a partnership between Transport Scotland, CMAL, CalMac and Argyll & Bute Council. The overall project covers the redevelopment of Gourock Ferry Terminal, works to harbour infrastructure at Dunoon and delivery of new vessels. It will deliver a modern, reliable and resilient lifeline passenger ferry service between Gourock and Dunoon.

Graeme McGinty, senior project manager at CMAL said:

“We are still in the early planning stages of the terminal redevelopment project, but the appointment of an engineering consultant is a key milestone. Mott MacDonald’s team has already been on-site with us this month to review the infrastructure.

“This is a significant infrastructure project for CMAL that will deliver crucial investment in aging infrastructure and ultimately provide a more resilient ferry service. It’s great to see work progressing.”

Mathew Ross, maritime portfolio director at Mott MacDonald said:

“We are delighted to be working on the Gourock Redevelopment project with CMAL. We understand how important the facilities are to its users and are looking forward to developing options for the harbour in conjunction with stakeholders.”

CMAL’s vessels team is currently managing a procurement exercise to appoint a design consultancy to carry out a concept feasibility study for up to three passenger-only vessels for Gourock-Dunoon and Gourock-Kilcreggan routes.