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Dear Martin

Thank you for your recent letter, which I will respond to in full very shortly. In the meantime however, I wanted to draw your attention to an announcement that we have been able to make earlier today.

To support economic recovery we need to improve the way in which we plan and deliver critical infrastructure, including roads. In a keynote speech to the CBI today, the Prime Minister announced that the Government is aiming to cut the time it takes to upgrade our roads in half.

We've looked hard at how we go from making a decision to improve the network to having it ready for use by motorists and we want to put these ideas into practice as soon as possible. One of the schemes we have identified is the vital improvements to A160/A180 route to the Port of Immingham. We are proposing to improve the A160/A180 by upgrading it to a dual carriageway and improving access to the Port of Immingham.

Our ambition now is to start work in summer 2015, and complete it by autumn 2016 – in short, bringing forward the anticipated completion date by 18 months.

As we progress the scheme, we will work up a more detailed timetable for key milestones, such as start of work. We will keep you informed of progress but in the meantime I hope you will welcome this good news for your constituents and the Humberside economy.

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