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| **TITLE** | **A55 improvements junctions 14 to 16** |
| **DATE** | **15 September 2021** |
| **BY** | **Lee Waters, Deputy Minister for Climate Change** |

On the 22nd of June 2021, I announced a freeze on new road building projects, whilst a review of highway schemes across Wales was carried out.

Given the current status of the junction improvement schemes at junctions 14/15 and 16/16A of the A55, I have decided that the Public Local Inquiry into the schemes that was scheduled to commence on Tuesday 21 September 2021, should be postponed until further notice so that the schemes can form part of the Welsh Government Roads Review. This decision has been made following advice from officials and the complexities that could have arisen as a result.

I apologise for any inconvenience caused by the postponement of the Public Local Inquiry and for the delay in providing this notification.

The Ministerial decision in respect of the recommendations of the Welsh Government Roads Review will be published in due course. The Roads Review Panel have been requested to provide their view on this project as a priority after the appraisal criteria is agreed around the 3 month milestone. I am grateful to all parties who have been involved in the statutory inquiry process to date for their co-operation.