



## Manifesto 2011 Election to Scottish Parliament – Railfuture Scotland

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1. **MAINTAIN MOMENTUM** Devolution has brought many improvements to the rail system in Scotland. This momentum must be maintained during the forthcoming Parliamentary session.
2. **INTEGRATION** We need to have strong regional public transport authorities with good leadership and a firm commitment to co-ordinate all public transport. Ideally most travellers should be able to reach railway stations without using a car at any stage in the journey.
3. **FARES** Rail fares are too high and are becoming disproportionately more expensive as each year passes. A national railcard should be introduced to redress this and avoid the danger of the cost of rail fares becoming a barrier to rail travel.
4. **SPEED V. SERVICE** There seems to be a growing emphasis on some routes to aim for the speeding up end to end journeys to the detriment of some intermediate locations. This philosophy also manifests itself in an apparent reluctance to commit to some obvious new stations. There is a need to balance local access needs with competitive speeds for longer distance services.
5. **FREIGHT BY RAIL** The Scottish Government should be a supporter of freight movement by rail. The ability of companies to apply for rail freight facilities grants should be restored immediately on commencement of the new Parliament.

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