

Tram Monitoring Officer (TMO) Weekly Report Week Ending 14 March 10

The following areas have been progressed during w/e 14 March 2010.

Dispute Resolution: Prepared for the purposes of DRP and Legal Proceedings

MUDFA Rev 8 mediation has been reactivated by Infracore and will take place on 16 & 17 March 2010.

Baird Drive will be moved to adjudication w/c 15 March 2010. Both Section 7 drainage (Gogar – Airport) and the Depot Access Bridge have had clause 80.15 instructions issued to commence works whilst the dispute is resolved. The CEO meeting for both disputes was held on 11 March 2010 and both will be expected to move to adjudication in the next two weeks.

Tower Place Bridge was referred to DRP on Thursday 25 February 2010 and a clause 80.15 instruction issued to commence works whilst the dispute is resolved. The Representatives' meeting was held on 2 March 2010. Work is expected to commence on 22 March 2010.

Strategic Options Analysis

Work continues in line with the timetable agreed with TPB and CEC and was reported to Tram Project Board on 10 March. Clear support was given, together with direction to focus on enhanced contractual rigor and further work on hastening resolution of matters with BSC.

Principals Communication

These lines of communication remain open. There was correspondence between Bilfinger and CEC which CEC has asked **tie** to respond to. Follow up with Bilfinger Berger AG board director (K Reid) addressed by D Mackay.

Media Communication

Mandy Haeburn-Little is providing the focal point for Tram related communication and has implemented a "look-ahead" on key issues and stories which will be circulated each Friday. The main focus included:

- Very extensive coverage of statement by D Mackay regarding actions being taken following Tram Project Board and highlighting the unrealistic latest programme submission by BSC suggesting January 2014 completion.
- Comment on Council agreement with NR proposals regarding Gogar Station roundabout planning arrangements.
- Continued comment on stories from the Evening News regarding restrictions on window washing once the Overhead Line Equipment is energised for the route.
- Coverage on speculation of "crunch" talks in advance of Board meeting on 10 March.

Liaison with Key Stakeholder Groups

These included:

- Tram Project Board held on 10 March with all key stakeholders supporting and enhancing the next steps recommended by **tie**.
- Review held with Richard Jeffrey, David Mackay and Transport Scotland (David Middleton, Bill Reeve, Ainslie McLaughlin) on Tuesday 9 March, prior to meeting the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Transport Minister on 10 March.
- Weekly reports to CEC TMO, Director of Finance and Director of City Development

On Street Works

Snagging and close out works on Princes Street including resurfacing works continued as agreed under local traffic management arrangements where necessary. Building fixing work continued in Constitution Street.

On Non Infraco sites, utilities diversions in the Forth Ports estate continue as planned with Farrans and at Haymarket, York Place/Broughton Street and Lindsay Road with Clancy Docwra. Broughton Street opened northbound on 9 March as planned.

Off Street Works

Depot internal construction and internal fit out continues, together with further drainage works.

On the Guided Busway track-laying and concreting continue along with work on Edinburgh Park Viaduct, A8 Underpass, Carrick Knowe Bridge (including railway possession works at weekend) and Gogarburn to the Airport.

Works continue at Murrayfield Wanderers and Russell Road Retaining Wall 4 and Edinburgh Park Station on drainage and trial holes.

Instruction has been given to commence on Section 7 drainage, Depot Access Bridge, and Balgreen Road and Baird Drive retaining walls whilst the disputes are resolved. Depot access Bridge is now programmed to commence on 15 March, however, plans have still to be submitted by BSC for Balgreen Road and Baird Drive. Works have continued at Haymarket Viaduct.

On non Infraco sites, the private utilities work at Edinburgh Park has commenced with Clancy Docwra.

Reporting and Governance

Reporting has been reviewed with the TMO and weekly reports will continue going forward, supplemented by weekly reports to Council Officers from the **tie** CEO.

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