

Project Phoenix Progress Report No 2

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Approvals and Consents

1 Logistics

From Tuesday 15 March 2011, 9 CEC staff have co-located to the BSC offices at Edinburgh Park with a further 2 CEC staff attending on a part-time basis. IT has been set up, although there is no access to the Council's servers yet. All CEC staff have now been inducted by BSC.

2. Scope and Timescales

It has been agreed to programme to complete all consents and approvals for the entire route from Airport to Newhaven by 30 April 2011. Priority will be given to the stretch from Airport to St Andrew Square.

Exclusions to this are as follows:

- Airport Canopy Design Building Warrant
- SEPA CAR Licence for Gogar retaining wall (which have a 14 week lead in time)
- Edinburgh Gateway Design Technical and Planning Approvals
- Roseburn Viaduct Design Planning Approval
- SAS Public Realm (Extent of design)
- Dublin Street Steps Listed Building consent
- Picardy Place Design
- Road 7/8 within Forth Ports Technical and Planning Consent
- 3rd Party Approval/Agreements (FP/HGI etc)

We need to clarify the extent of design confirmation which will be known at time of submission of pricing for these excluded items between Airport and St Andrews Square.

Key Dates:	8 April	Principals meeting
	30 April	completion of Consents and approvals
	3 May	Start of prioritised works

3. Programme

A programme for closing out the consents and approvals has been drafted but not yet finalised. Both CEC and BSC have agreed to work on a 7 day week basis at present. Weekly progress meetings have been set up between BSC and CEC to monitor progress each Wednesday. It is proposed to prepare a weekly progress report for CEC every Thursday. Andy Conway has already prepared daily progress reports for Sue Bruce/Dave Anderson. We are still on track to agree the vast majority of CEC consents and approvals by 30 April 2011.

4. Progress to date

Steady progress continues to be made. In particular progress has been made with regard to the following:

- Tram Branding associated with tram stop canopies. This has been removed to allow completion of the design associated with the tram stop structures.
- Close out of all details associated with tram stops at Bernard Street, Foot of Leith Walk and McDonald Road
- Extent of Construction North of St Andrew Square – agreed to extend to current track switch situated in York Place as well as Newhaven retaining wall, Lindsay Road Junction and Tower Place Bridge.
- Extent of tram works in St Andrew Square – further discussion has taken place on this with regard to the inclusion of the proposed public realm work around the square.
- Princes Street remedial works – Design not yet finalised by BSC. CS has agreed the option for full closure and to allowing work to continue through the festival embargo in August 2011. BSC working on programme and method statement. Extent of required diversions is not yet proposed. This proposal has been flagged up to SfC Roads, the Head of Transport and the Public Safety Manager within CEC. With the exception of the fireworks event at the end of the Festival there are no events which would be of concern as a result of the temporary loss of Princes Street. As plans associated with prioritised works are not widely known there is an issue in planning for such a major closure should this take effect as early as May. Issues which will need to be addressed are:
 - Traffic modelling in the light of roadworks already underway in Queensferry Street/Queensferry Road and likely to continue until August.
 - Bus stop provision in George Street
 - Logistics associated with deliveries to businesses in Princes Street
 - Parking restrictions in George Street and relocation of disabled spaces off George Street
 - Temporary traffic signal installation on George Street
 - Stakeholder engagement and wider communication
- Close out of all technical comments (270) associated with Section 2A

5. Critical Issues requiring escalation

- Henderson Global consent for Cathedral Street substation
- Network Rail consent for Haymarket Viaduct substation

These issues will effect the construction phase of Project Phoenix and have been elevated to Dave Anderson

Other issues.

- Scottish Water approvals (lapse after 6 months)

6. Changes to Employers Requirements

As a result of concluding the design, it is likely that changes will be required to the Employers Requirements. These are being agreed as and when the issues arise. To date, the include:

- Fewer Ticket Vending Machines (TVMs) and validators at some stops.
- No weatherproof displays of local information at each platform access/egress.
- Some TVMs not located within or adjacent to shelters
- No perch seating in northbound platform at Foot of the Walk Tram stop
- Lighting Levels at tram stops

7. Governance

It would be useful to have clear roles and responsibilities within CEC, plus a better understanding of the ltd's role.