

Edinburgh Tram SDS Contract – Weekly Report

1 Client Relations

Client relations have focused this week on working with Willie Gallagher, (a), to address immediate issues arising from slippage of the MUDFA programme and, (b) to look forward to future relations between *tie* and PB. A positive development has been the introduction of weekly meetings between Willie and me. These have now been scheduled on Thursday each week.

2 Commercial

2.1 Contract

A discussion on Novation of the SDS contract is scheduled for discussion at my meeting with Willie Gallagher next Thursday.

2.2 Change Requests

Nothing to report.

2.3 Claim for Prolongation

Tuesday's meeting to review the form of words proposed by *tie* for the legal agreement to settle the PB Claim went ahead as scheduled. It turns out that *tie* was delaying discussion of the agreement pending Willie's meeting this week with Tom O'Neill. I have now responded to Geoff with suggested modifications to *tie*'s proposed schedule of payments. A response and further meeting is due next week.

2.4 Cashflow

Discussions on payment against two applications for payment are progressing with *tie*. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday next week.

3 Operations

3.1 Detailed Design

The delivery of completed design packages to *tie* remains on schedule. *tie* and CEC have yet to decide finally on the design solution for Lindsay Road in the Forth Ports area but this is the only outstanding issue impacting completion of the delivery programme. Informal consultation has been proceeding with CEC ahead of formal technical approval of the detailed design packages, and the trend of complimentary comments is continuing with CEC very satisfied with the material submitted by PB.

3.2 MUDFA

The programme for completion of the MUDFA design IFC Drawings has received considerable attention this week as reported in email correspondence through the week. The agreed date of Friday 05 October for submission of a critical batch of IFC drawings has been achieved and we are now confident of meeting the next two target dates of 15 and 19 October. These dates are dependent upon the co-operation of Scottish Water and BT and *tie*, having been reminded of their responsibilities to manage the interaction with the SUCs, have been applying increased pressure to both

3.3 Procurement

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The Preferred Bidder for the Infraco contract is due to be announced next week. I am told it is likely to be Bilfinger Berger Siemens.

3.4 Value Engineering

Nothing to report.

4 Other Issues

Nothing to report

5 Weekly Look-ahead

- tba. Claim Legal Settlement review with Geoff Gilbert
- Wednesday. MUDFA weekly progress meeting. (Chair G Barclay, *tie*)
- Thursday. Weekly meeting with Willie Gallagher and SCR.
- Friday. Weekly critical issues meeting. (Chair D Crawley, *tie*)