

Tram Monitoring Officer (TMO) Weekly Report Week Ending 28 June 09

The following areas have been progressed during w/e 28 June 2009.

Dispute Resolution

Agreement was reached with BSC to spend 29 June – 6 July in and intensive non binding mediation seeking agreement on the core outstanding issues of contractual / commercial disagreement and to resolve the revised programme.

This was an output of the meeting between R Jeffrey and Dr Keysberg and Dr Schneppendahl on 22 June.

Strategic Options Analysis

Workstreams on programme and contractual issues are being further addressed during the mediation week.

Principals Communication

Dr Schneppendahl and Dr Keysberg met with R Jeffrey in Edinburgh on 22 June. There was no significant shift in views and it was agreed that the concentrated mediation approach referred to above would be fully supported by tie and BSC with the objective of achieving agreement on programme revision and on the main commercial differences.

There will be a review meeting on 6 July to assess the success of this approach, with a report and recommendation of next steps then made by tie to the Board and Tram Project Board on 8 July.

Supplemental Agreement and Project Management Panel (PMP)

No further agreements reached in the week. Outstanding issues are being covered in the mediation.

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. Items covered this week included:

- Interview with Richard Jeffrey - The Times (expected to run Tuesday 30 June)
- Scotsman (Alastair Dalton) - follow up to Princes Street interview with Steven Bell
- Travel into Edinburgh - main routes (Susan Clark interviewed from Falkirk into Edinburgh) Falkirk Herald

Liaison with Key Stakeholder Groups

A range of meetings took place during the week to apprise key stakeholders of the current position and actions being progressed. These included:

- **tie** CEO liaison with Dublin City Council on 23 June.
- Peer Review with **tie** team held on 25/26 June.
- Weekly reports to CEC TMO continue.

Works on Princes Street & Depot

Work continues on the track installation, concrete base slabs for the track-form and on Overhead Line foundations, drainage and duct works. This is also being progressed on Saturdays and Sundays to recover lost time.

Access to the Princes Street section at the Mound for Infraco was handed over by Carillion as expected on 12 June with final telecom & Gas diversions remaining for Carillion in Hanover Street in parallel with Infraco working. This work continues.

Excavation works at the depot have made continued progress with >95,000m³ completed to date. Material is now being placed in Section 5B to build up embankments.

Works on other Infraco sites across the Project.

Work has continued on a range of other sites including concrete work on Guided Busway / Bankhead Drive, Carrick Knowe earthworks and drainage, Edinburgh Park Viaduct, A8 Underpass, and Gogarburn to the Airport. The TRO enabling bus priority measures was progressed with bus lanes implemented.

Reporting and Governance

Reporting has been reviewed with the TMO and weekly reports will continue going forward, supplemented by regular verbal updates.

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