

Tram Monitoring Officer (TMO) Weekly Report Week Ending 5 July 09

The following areas have been progressed during w/e 5 July 2009.

Dispute Resolution

tie and BSC spent 29 June – 3 July undertaking intensive non binding mediation, seeking agreement on the core outstanding issues of contractual / commercial disagreement and to resolve the revised programme.

A number of proposals were developed on the key areas of disagreement and these will be discussed at the meeting between R Jeffrey and Dr Keysberg and Dr Schnependahl planned for 6 July.

Strategic Options Analysis

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

Principals Communication

Dr Schnependahl and Dr Keysberg are meeting with R Jeffrey in Edinburgh on 6 July to assess the progress made by the mediation approach. A report and recommendation of next steps will then be 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 were 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
- Historical “expenses” story tracking back to Jan 2008. tie and CEC have addressed this robustly with the Evening News.
- Tram Depot delay story generated from J Carson. Robust rebuttal but run regardless.
- Pedestrian safety focus interview by Mandy Haeburn-Little with Radio Forth and STV.
- Positive story on 15000+ visiting the tram mock up at Ocean Terminal.
- Positive story from Evening news on Edinburgh Park Bridge construction.

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 meeting with Shirley Ann Somerville MSP.
- **tie** CEO liaison and updates to CEC stakeholders and politicians regarding mediation process.
- Meeting with Leith Business Association and local stakeholders to present and discuss two options for Leith Walk Infracore works.
- Weekly reports to CEC TMO continue.

Works on Princes Street & Depot

Work continues on the road reconstruction, 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.

Final telecom & Gas diversions remaining for Carillion in Hanover Street in parallel with Infracore working. This work continues.

Excavation works at the depot have made continued progress with >105,000m³ completed to date. Material is now being placed in Section 5B to build up embankments.

Works on other Infracore 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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