Tram Monitoring Officer (TMO) Weekly Report Week Ending 7 June 09

The following areas have been progressed during w/e 7 June 2009.

Dispute Resolution

Following agreement on preliminaries at DRP1 mediation, all necessary documentation has been completed by the Consortium and **tie** following their respective Board meetings.

Preparation of potential additional DRP items has continued as outlined in the Strategic Options update to TPB on 3 June.

Strategic Options Analysis

Work on the individual work streams to support this continues as programmed and updated progress on each area was presented to the **tie** Board/ TPB on 3 June. Re calibrated Programme and progress on critical BDDI – IFC Structures are subject to detailed workshops with BSC over the next two weeks to continue momentum.

Principals Communication

Richard Jeffrey and Stewart McGarrity had a constructive meeting with BSC Consortium Board (M Flynn, R Walker, A Campos, M Heerdt) on 3 June which committed to pushing the programme and design issues noted above and to regular progress reviews. In addition, Dr Schneppendahl and Dr Keysberg have confirmed a meeting with R Jeffrey in Edinburgh on 22 June following Richard's offer to meet them in Germany.

Supplemental Agreement and Project Management Panel (PMP)

Work on priority issues continues. Programme recalibration information was received as expected and engagement is underway this week and next as part of the detailed work stream to provide increased programme and cost certainty as agreed with the TPB.

The overall timetable for concluding commercial and programme negotiations remains targeted for July to allow submission to the August Council meeting. As discussed at TPB, **tie** are pushing this strongly, however it is one of the major issues with BSC and this will be a robust series of engagements.

Media Communication

Mandy Haeburn-Little commenced this week providing the focal point for Tram related communication. Preparation for positive communication in issues such as track laying in Princes Street and Tram TV implementation was a focus for the team.

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** Board / TPB was held on 3 June with thorough engagement on all the key issues.
- tie CEO Richard Jeffrey continued introductory meetings with key stakeholders such as David Middleton of Transport Scotland, the George Street Association and the Lothian Buses Executive team.
- Richard Jeffrey attended the CEC Group Leadership meeting on 1 June.
- Weekly reports to CEC TMO continued.

Works on Princes Street & Depot

Work commenced on the concrete base slabs for the track-form and continues on Overhead Line foundations, drainage and duct works. This is also being progressed on Saturdays and Sundays to recover initial lost time. Track material arrives w/c 8 June for commencing track installation.

A traffic management change was implemented on 6 June to gain greater access between St David Street and Waverley Bridge. This is being monitored carefully to ensure all necessary local adjustments to signal timings etc. are implemented with CEC Transport.

Carillion Utilities have continued to work at the Mound utilising the access and are continuing to progress with the installation of Gas Main Diversion and associated water and telecom diversions. Access to the Princes Street section for Infraco expected w/c 15 June with final telecom diversions remaining for Carillion in Hanover Street in parallel with Infraco working.

Excavation works at the depot have made continued progress with >87,000m³ 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 Haymarket to Roseburn Jcn (site investigations and continued clearance), Preparatory work on Guided Busway / Bankhead Drive, Carrick Knowe earthworks and drainage, Edinburgh Park Viaduct, A8 Underpass, and Gogarburn to the Airport.

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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