
From: Sharp DP (Damian)
Sent: 24 November 2006 00:24
To: Reeve W (Bill); PS/Transport Scotland
Cc: Spence M (Matthew); Ramsay J (John); Davis L (Lorna)
Subject: Re: TramFw: URGENT EMAIL LETTER

Bill
Malcolm

I am very concerned at this attempt to bounce TS and Scottish Ministers to increase their funding. I do not believe this is likely to be welcome to Ministers.

1) It is not in line with the strategy agreed with TEL and tie and as such very significantly reduces pressure on both the Infraco contractor and developers. In short this ensures money comes from the public purse rather than from scheme beneficiaries.

2) We remain some way from confidence that £592m is realistic. There could easily be a request for more money after infraco bids are in and it will be very difficult to resist such a request if we give ground now.

3) Any decision to increase funding requires full Cabinet support which cannot be obtained before Feb 2007 without Ministerial agreement to setting aside normal process

4) We do not have £40-70m spare in the major projects portfolio for this commitment. We would need cover for extra resources from the Finance Minister or from elsewhere in the TS budget..

5) Is phase 1b the best thing we can do with £40-70m across the TS portfolio?

I can, of course, include a proposal to seek additional funding in the IDM paper but for the reasons given above would find it difficult to recommend Mr Aitchison's proposal to IDM for subsequent consideration by Cabinet.

I will be in Buchanan House before 0900 and would be happy to discuss.

Damian

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Thu Nov 23 20:02:15 2006
Subject: TramFw: URGENT EMAIL LETTER

I will join Malcolm at 9 tomorrow. Quite timely for the review !

Regards,

Bill Reeve

Director, Rail Delivery
Transport Scotland

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From: PS/Transport Scotland <chiefexecutive@transportscotland.gsi.gov.uk>
To: Reeve W (Bill) <Bill.Reeve@transportscotland.gsi.gov.uk>
Sent: Thu Nov 23 12:10:50 2006
Subject: FW: URGENT EMAIL LETTER

Bill - Malcolm is having a telephone conversation with Tom Aitchison tomorrow at 9am in regard to the attached.

Malcolm has asked that you either attend or provide some briefing for this. If you cannot manage, you may wish to ask Damian.

Thanks
Marion

-----Original Message-----

From: Tom Aitchison [<mailto:tom.aitchison@edinburgh.gov.uk>]
Sent: 23 November 2006 11:53
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Malcolm,

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Regards.

Tom

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