

## **Statement**

The Edinburgh Tram project has had to announce today [08:00] that the planned tram infrastructure work due to commence on Princes Street cannot start as planned this weekend. The ongoing utility diversion work will, however, continue and the diversion of traffic from Princes Street will still take effect from 5am on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

The decision was brought about because the Project was given 48 hours notice before the commencement of Princes Street works that the tram project consortium, BSC, comprising Bilfinger Berger, Siemens and CAF wished to impose unacceptable conditions as a requirement to start in Princes Street.

This announcement is supported by the City of Edinburgh Council, the project client, and Transport Scotland, the principal funder is fully aware of this situation.

We will issue a further update in due course. Meantime, we will continue to work with all stakeholders over the coming days.

**Ends**