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**To:** Reeve W (Bill)  
**Cc:** Sharp DP (Damian); PS/Transport Scotland; Colwell A (Adrian); Ghibaldan S (Sam); Tattersall J (Jessica)  
**Subject:** Edinburgh Trams project  
**Importance:** High

Bill

We spoke this morning about Mr Scott's phone call with Ewan Aitken last week, when Cllr Aitken requested additional funding for the trams project. The Minister will not have an opportunity to discuss this with Mr McCabe until Cabinet this Wednesday, so has asked you to minute him (copying FM, DFM, Finance and Deputy Finance Ministers), outlining the details of and arguments for/against the request. The Minister has noted that the principal observation should be that in order to provide additional funding for Trams, savings would have to be made elsewhere in the Transport budget, potentially compromising another of the Partnership Agreement commitments. On those grounds, Mr Scott's initial view is that such additional funding cannot be provided.

It would be helpful if that minute could go into the system today, or early tomorrow – so that Mr Scott can e-mail Mr McCabe on the back of it, suggesting a pre-Cabinet chat. Do please give me a call if that will cause you any problems.

Thanks,  
Katie

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