From:
 Sharp DP (Damian)

 Sent:
 22 May 2007 17:04

To: PS/Transport Scotland; Reeve W (Bill)
Cc: Davis L (Lorna); Spence M (Matthew)

**Subject:** FW: Edinburgh Tram Project

To be aware – any specific briefing request will come my way in the first instance

## Damian

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From: Smith JC (Jennifer) On Behalf Of First Minister

Sent: 22 May 2007 16:56

To: Wallace A (Anna); Sharp DP (Damian)

Cc: Wiseman R (Ruth); Wood P (Paul); Ramsay J (John); Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth

Subject: FW: Edinburgh Tram Project

Anna - to be aware.

Damian - as discussed, grateful if you could stand ready to provide appropriate advice when Cllr Dawe makes contact.

## JENNIFER SMITH

DPS/First Minister

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**Sent:** 22 May 2007 16:32

To: First Minister

Subject: FW: Edinburgh Tram Project

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To: 'alex.salmond.msp.@scottish.parliament.uk'

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**Subject:** Edinburgh Tram Project

Dear First Minister

Congratulations on your appointment as First Minister. It is a singular honour for any politician to occupy this post and I wish you well in it.

Your remarks last week about promoting an inclusive spirit in the governance of Scotland are most welcome. I warmed to your expressed view that you intend to work in a partnership way for the benefit of the whole country.

I was greatly concerned to hear earlier today that an announcement on the Edinburgh Tram Project may be imminent. The Tram Project commands wide support within the City of Edinburgh Council and the business community in the city. The project is vital to the future development of the city and its continuing economic prosperity. Without the Tram Project there is a real risk to the capital city's future success. Specifically, the Tram Project is key to the development of West Edinburgh, the City Centre and the Waterfront.

I am writing to request an urgent meeting with you to discuss the position. I shall telephone your office later today to try and make the arrangements for such a meeting and I hope that you and your Ministers will agree to make this a priority.

Councillor Jenny Dawe

Yours sincerely

Leader Designate City of Edinburgh Council

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