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From: Mike Connelly
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Willie,

Back from my few beers with Bill and didn't give much away.

Other than to mention that tie was regarded in many circles as being saddled with an extremely poor project sponsor (CEC). I got the impression that this was doing us no end of damage. He was very dismissive of their role in transport and confirmed that because of this they are about to take off them the Haymarket Station Project!! NOTE: THEY DON'T KNOW THIS YET!!

Bill loves the concept of Tram Train on the South Suburb and was flabbergasted at the thought of the debate of selling the vital piece of land at Haymarket as tantamount to their general incompetence. I think this is a goer as a concept and worthwhile pursuing with Swinney as I think it could be one of Bill's babies!!

His view was that it's all to play for with tie but they need to demonstrate confidence on the part of ministers. For instance he said that it was expected that tram s would be operational by May 2011 and an overspend was possibly acceptable. ***Don't quote me on this but I'm convinced they are convinced that we might need more money! That being said when I mentioned about the meeting with Swinney he did not hold out much hope of any extra cash!! Doesn't seem to fit in with his previous statement.***

Didn't get a chance to ask about Line 3 as we run out of time.

He was very pleased with the new arrangements on reporting post May 2007 and everyone was content with tie's performance. He was very dismissive of SPT and my nugget for him was that Stephen Purcell needs a tie type organisation and not SPT and eh could see the point. I don't think SPT will get much out of the SSTPR.

I think our achilles heel is the city councilBig time.

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