

For The Attention of Martin Förder
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Our Ref:

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Dear Martin,

**Edinburgh Tram Network – Design Issues
Support from Halcrow**

Throughout 2009 the Design Issues meeting has worked through outstanding design issues raised by **tie** and by BSC and has contributed significantly to the resolution of many design issues.

tie is concerned that progress on several issues is being frustrated by the lack of support by Halcrow in providing information for consideration at the Design Issues Meeting; being available to attend other focused meetings to discuss specific issues; and producing Estimates for changes.

At the most recent meeting the following issues were all noted as awaiting responses or actions by Halcrow:

- INTC 320 – roads demarcation
- INTC 242 – TRO programme changes
- Pedestrian guard rail
- INTC 137 – amendment to tree build out at Constitution Street
- INTC 500 – Picardy Place roads alignment
- INTC 499 – Frederick Street pedestrian crossing
- INTC 482 – Depot Access Road turning head

Several of these issues have been on the agenda for the Design Issues meeting for many months now and we urge you to press SDS to bring these to a conclusion. **tie** has made it clear on several occasions that we would welcome Halcrow attendance at the Design Issues meeting to help resolve these issues or would alternatively be happy to have a session devoted solely to design issues that require Halcrow's involvement to resolve.

tie notes that in some cases the design has been completed and some outstanding issues are commercial. However, they still take up significant amounts of time for both **tie** and BSC to manage so it is clearly in both parties' best interest to get them resolved.

tie finds the lack of support for discussions on pedestrian guard rail to be particularly frustrating given that BSC requested an urgent meeting to resolve this issue, but has not been able to persuade Halcrow to provide availability for that meeting.

We would welcome your confirmation that Halcrow will provide the necessary support to resolve these issues in the new year.

Yours sincerely

Steven Bell
Project Director – Edinburgh Tram

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