

Tram Monitoring Officer (TMO) Weekly Report Week Ending 6 December 09

The following areas have been progressed during w/e 6 December 2009.

Dispute Resolution: Prepared for the purposes of DRP and Legal Proceedings

The adjudicator's decisions on DRP 5a (Gogarburn Bridge) and DRP 5b (Carrick Knowe Bridge) were received on 16 November. It is disappointing that this adjudicator favoured Infraco's position more than **tie**'s.

No formal challenge is being pursued with the adjudication decision.

Of the two disputes initiated by Infraco, Russell Road Retaining Wall 4 has now been referred to adjudication and a timetable agreed which will result in a decision by 17 December. A hearing will be held on 15 December 2009. MUDFA Rev 8 mediation has been put on hold based on agreement on completing a revised programme.

Several other DRP items are prepared for release pre-Christmas and will be subject to final review by challenge process and FCL.

Strategic Options Analysis

The Boards reviewed and approved the detailed strategy, programme and the targeted key topics on 29 July 09. Key CEC staff are being fully informed and engaged in the process of finalising these arrangements through the weekly FCL. An update was provided to Dave Anderson who has prepared an internal CEC paper.

Principals Communication

These lines of communication remain open. Progress has been made regarding potential solutions to On Street works and both Infraco and **tie** are continuing to work on proposals to be finalised by early December. In addition, proposals to reach agreement on a programme to completion were discussed in detail. This approach was endorsed at the Tram Project Board on 18 November.

Media Communication

Mandy Haeburn-Little is providing the focal point for Tram related communication and has implemented a "look-ahead" on key issues and stories which will be circulated each Friday. The main focus included:

- Wide coverage related to the very successful re-opening of Princes Street on 29 November and the extensive media coverage and communication initiatives to attract visitors and residents back to the centre of Edinburgh.
- There was further extensive coverage on "Sparkles" Christmas and implementation of the Christmas markets and special events on Princes Street.
- Coverage of increased shoppers back to Princes Street post the bus and taxi re-opening.
- Coverage of Constitution Street reopening for December.
- Fair coverage of utilities works transfer from Carillion to Clancy Docwra.
- Minor coverage regarding letters on cycle arrangements on Princes Street.

Liaison with Key Stakeholder Groups

These included:

- Tram Operations Group (TOG) held on 30 November with all key city stakeholders represented. Detailed Embargo arrangements refreshed.
- Continued liaison for Christmas and Hogmanay events particularly relating to Princes Street led by Mandy Haeburn-Little.
- Weekly reports to CEC TMO continue

Works on Princes Street & Depot

Princes Street reopened on Sunday morning, 29 November as promised. This was the culmination of an excellent “one family” effort combined with the efforts of BSC and their subcontractors. Follow up site clearance and completion of George Street lining and zebra crossings will continue for next two weeks.

Depot access road and boundary earthworks continue. Steelwork erection continues as planned, together with further drainage works.

Works on other Infraco sites across the Project.

On the Guided Busway; and track-laying commenced on 18 November. Work continues on Edinburgh Park Viaduct, A8 Underpass, and Gogarburn to the Airport. Hilton Car Park works are complete but for lining. Works are progressing at Carrick Knowe Bridge, with Russell Road Retaining Wall 4 piling works now underway, although alternative methods are under consideration following discovery of obstructions to the piles.

Works have re-commenced at Haymarket Viaduct and are due to start from Haymarket to Roseburn Junction on 7 December.

On non Infraco sites, the utilities work at the Airport is now substantially complete and Burnside Road Bridge is on programme. Utilities diversions in the Forth Ports estate continue as planned with Farrans. The transfer of residual utilities work from Carillion to Clancy Docwra at Haymarket and Broughton Street was executed well as planned on 5 December.

Reporting and Governance

Reporting has been reviewed with the TMO and weekly reports will continue going forward, supplemented by verbal updates and the revised weekly FCL meetings.

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