

Tram Monitoring Officer (TMO) Weekly Report Week Ending 31 May 09

The following areas have been progressed during w/e 31 May 2009.

Dispute Resolution

Mediation on DRP 1 was undertaken on 29 May 2009 and there was a constructive approach from BSC and **tie**.

We are pleased to report that agreement was reached on an appropriate solution for preliminaries for both the disputed estimate and more broadly across the works. This solution is consistent with the anticipated liabilities for local preliminaries under the contract and is a notable movement from BSC. A Memorandum of Understanding was agreed on the day and this is being formalised as a proposed amendment to Appendix G in Schedule Part 4 of the Contract. It will be presented to TPB and **tie** Board on 3 June.

Preparation of potential additional DRP items has continued. The timetable for implementing these items has been updated and will be presented to TPB on 3 June as part of the Strategic Options report.

Strategic Options Analysis

Work on the individual work streams to support this continues as programmed and a paper updating progress on each area will be formally presented to the **tie** Board/ TPB on 3 June.

Principals Communication

Richard Jeffrey and Steven Bell had a constructive and frank meeting with Martin Foerder and Miguel Berrozpe on 26 May which will be followed up with the Consortium Board on 3 June.

Supplemental Agreement and Project Management Panel (PMP)

Work on priority issues continues. Programme recalibration information was received as expected and engagement is underway this week and next as part of the detailed work stream to provide increased programme and cost certainty as agreed with the TPB.

This was a focus at the PMP on Wednesday 27 May where a detailed programme to completion of this activity was discussed and set out. Several more detailed engagements with BSC are planned over the next three weeks.

The overall timetable for concluding commercial and programme negotiations remains targeted for July to allow submission to the August Council meeting.

Media Communication

There has been continued engagement with a range of outlets focusing through Richard Jeffrey.

Liaison with Key Stakeholder Groups

A range of meetings took place during the week to apprise key stakeholders of the current position and actions being progressed. These included:

- A mitigation workshop was held on 29 May, led by M Poulton to engage and develop the appropriate measures for the city centre during the summer period. This included representatives from across the business and festivals communities.
- **tie** CEO Richard Jeffrey continued introductory meetings with key stakeholders in the Leith and West End areas such as Jane Wood and Tom Campbell (Essential Edinburgh) and Gordon Burgess and Alan Rudland (Leith Business Association) and with Graham Russell representing Leith and West End Association.
- Weekly reports to CEC TMO continued.

Works on Princes Street & Depot

Work continues on Overhead Line foundations, drainage and duct works. This is also being progressed on Saturdays and Sundays to recover initial lost time. Road reconstruction details are also being refined to optimise works after track laying commences in June.

Enabling works in St Andrews Square have been completed to allow a traffic management change to gain greater access between St David Street and Waverley Bridge. This switch is now planned for 6/7 June following Water diversion operational issues which necessitated a delay in implementing the switch over.

Carillion Utilities have continued to work at the Mound utilising the access and are continuing to progress with the installation of Gas Main Diversion and associated water and telecom diversions.

Excavation works at the depot have made continued progress with >84,000m³ completed to date.

Works on other Infraco sites across the Project.

Work has continued on a range of other sites including the Access Road at Verity House (Haymarket) now completed, Haymarket to Roseburn Jcn (site investigations and continued clearance), Carricknowe earthworks, Edinburgh Park Viaduct (all beams now installed), A8 Underpass, and Gogarburn to the Airport.

Reporting and Governance

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

Steven Bell
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