

Edinburgh Tram – INFRACO Update

Tram Sub Committee

22 March 2010

Purpose of report

- 1 To advise the Tram Sub Committee on the progress of the tram infrastructure works and to provide an update on the current contractual dispute.

Main report

- 2 On 20 August 2009 the Council noted the position with the contractual difficulties between **tie Ltd** and the BSC consortium that comprises Bilfinger Berger, Siemens and CAF. The Council was also updated on the contractual and legal mechanisms **tie Ltd** was using to help achieve effective progress.
- 3 However, overall progress on the infrastructure work remains slower than planned as a result of ongoing contractual differences.
- 4 Construction progress has been made on the sections off-street, where bridges and other structures, including the depot building and its surroundings are progressing. The table below notes the progress being made on some of the main off street elements.

Item	% Complete
Haymarket Viaduct	42%
Gogarburn Bridge	85%
Depot Building	19%
Edinburgh Park Viaduct	87%
Carrick Knowe Bridge	44%
Russell Road Retaining Wall	17%
Track laying on the guided busway	70%

- 5 Fundamental differences remain on a number of design related issues, responsibility for delays to date and lack of a properly defined programme being the most significant. There also continues to be lack of progress on the on-street sections. **tie Ltd** continue to seek to deliver Best Value for its stakeholders, Transport Scotland and the Council, on these issues and to provide greater clarity about the ultimate programme timetable and costs. However, it is not possible to present detailed information on these issues at this stage due to the commercial sensitivity of the current contractual dispute. **tie Ltd** are working on a variety of detailed and complex workstreams which will allow a further, more detailed report to be considered by the Tram Project Board and TEL board, followed by an appropriate meeting of the Council in due course.
- 6 Some minor remedial construction works continue on Princes Street, with the majority of this work undertaken outwith busy peak periods, including overnight, and completed under localised temporary traffic management. It is estimated that this work, along with the remainder of the outstanding work, will be completed over the next three months.

Financial Implications

- 7 The commercial and contractual difficulties with BSC have been well publicised. **tie Ltd**, with support of their stakeholders, are engaged in a number of workstreams with a view to providing greater certainty in terms of cost and programme delivery. The outcome of this work will be reported to Council in early course. At this stage, there is now a strong probability that the project cost out-turn will exceed the available, approved funding.

Environmental Impact

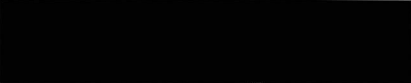
- 8 There are no adverse environmental impacts arising from this report.

Equalities Impact

- 9 There are no adverse equalities impacts arising from this report.

Recommendations

- 10 It is recommended that the Tram Sub Committee notes the current progress of the infrastructure works and that a further detailed report is planned to be considered at a Council meeting in due course.



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Appendices	None
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Wards affected	All
Single Outcome Agreement	None
Background Papers	A presentation comprising photographs will be presented at the meeting.