

## Tram Monitoring Officer (TMO) Weekly Report Week Ending 22 November 09

The following areas have been progressed during w/e 22 November 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.

The detailed reasoning is under review and the Finance Legal and Commercial committee of the FCL will consider recommendations for next steps on Tuesday 24 November.

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. MUDFA Rev 8 mediation has been put on hold based on agreement on completing a revised programme.

DRP 5g (Depot Drainage estimate) has still to be agreed and was authorised for release at FCL on 28 September if agreement cannot be reached with Infraco. Infraco are continuing to work on the depot drainage.

DRP 5f (Haymarket Viaduct) is resolved. Work is planned to commence on 23 November.

### 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:

- Further coverage on "Sparkles" Christmas and very positive launch of Edinburgh's Hogmanay related events.
- Coverage of Princes Street 20% business rate reduction decision by the assessor.
- Inaccurate coverage in Evening News of Scottish Water contributions to upgrade costs despite full details being provided.



- Coverage of utilities works still to be completed in Forth Ports area.
- Minor coverage regarding letters on cycle lane provision.

### Liaison with Key Stakeholder Groups

These included:

- Tram Project Board held on 18 November with particular focus on Princes Street completion.
- Traffic Management Peer Review Committee met on Monday 16 November to confirm public communication of Princes Street re-opening for buses & taxis on 29 November @ 0500.
- Continued liaison for Edinburgh Sparkles and other 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

Work continues on the road reconstruction, track installation, concrete base slabs for the track-form and on Overhead Line masts, drainage and duct works. This continues to be progressed working 24 hours midweek and also working on Saturdays and Sundays. Works at Lothian Road and particularly the Mound remain on the critical path to achieve 29 November completion. Critical Scottish Water valve work at the Mound was completed as planned on 16 November.

There is a particular focus on Traffic Signal installations to ensure readiness for the return of buses and planned work to St. David St/Frederick St/Castle St & Hanover St was well underway.

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, with culvert No1 complete and culvert No3 nearing completion. Hilton Car Park works are underway. 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.

Further start dates have been provided by Infraco for works at Haymarket (w/c 23 November) and parts of the railway corridor (w/c 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.

### 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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