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Subject: Aberdeen City Regional Deal - Enquiry

[REDACTED],

Thank you for your enquiry in reference to the announcement made by the Cabinet Secretary of Infrastructure, Investment and Cities, Keith Brown MSP, regarding the £254 million funding the Scottish Government will provide in Aberdeen City Region in addition to the £250 million Aberdeen City Region Deal. This investment will be targeted towards the delivery of improved transport, digital connectivity and local housing programmes.

£200 million of this funding will focus on opportunities to increase line speeds and remove major capacity constraints along the key sections of the route with a particular focus between Aberdeen and Dundee. This will include options for double tracking of Usan Junction and South Esk Viaduct at Montrose.

These works are planned to be delivered over the same 5-10 year time frame as the City Deal. Development of engineering options to address the constraints at Usan to Montrose are at the very early stages, and these will require further input from the rail industry to enable a robust and cost effective solution to be agreed and delivered.

At this stage we can state that the investment will help support better performance, improved journey times and increased capacity for passenger and freight services, including cross-border services.

A full break down of the £254 million Scottish Government investment is detailed below:

- An initial £200m to improve journey times and increase capacity on key rail links between Aberdeen and the Central Belt, including options for upgrading the rail line in the Montrose basin
- £24m for the trunk roads programme to support improvements to the key A90/A937 south junction at Laurencekirk
- £10m for extension of digital infrastructure in the Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire area above and beyond the commitment through the City Deal
- £20m in infrastructure funding to unlock housing sites that are of strategic importance to the local authorities as well as five-year certainty on £130m of affordable housing grant.

I hope this is helpful.

Kind Regards,
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Subject: RE: RTP Quarterly Engagement Meetings - Feb/March

[REDACTED],

See [link](#) to Scottish Government announcement today.

I note that "Extra funding being announced by the Scottish Government will help make a step change to the economy of the North East through; an initial £200m additional funding to help improve journey times and increase capacity on key rail links between Aberdeen and the Central Belt..."

and also Keith Brown's quote "The £224 million investment in the transport infrastructure will support improvements to the trunk road and strategic rail networks, including infrastructure improvements, double tracking at key pinch points, and other opportunities to improve journey times to the central belt and on to London, increasing capacity for passenger and freight services"

Can you please provide me with information on what the rail £200m investment actually is, as the key "pinch point" is in the Tactran area at Usan, and at our last regular quarterly update meeting on 23rd November 2015, no mention the possibility of this being taken forward was made.

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: RTP Quarterly Engagement Meetings - Feb/March

[REDACTED],

As discussed, and thank you for agreeing to go ahead with our meeting on the 23rd Feb @ 09:00 at Buchanan House. I will issue an official invitation in due course, and Agenda to follow.

Kind Regards,

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Subject: RE: RTP Quarterly Engagement Meetings - Feb/March

Hi [REDACTED]

Hope you had a good New Year too.

Happy to come to Glasgow. However, from dates provided only one real possibility suits us – early morning on 23rd Feb. [REDACTED] has a HSR rail meeting in Buchanan House at 11am that day – so would a 9am start for our quarterly meeting suit? Means an early start for us – 06:50 train from Dundee!

Let me know if 9am on 23rd Feb suits you.

Thanks,

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Subject: RTP Quarterly Engagement Meetings - Feb/March

[REDACTED],

Happy New Year and I hope that both of you had a nice break over the festive period.

I am looking to arrange our next quarterly engagement meeting around the end of February or beginning of March. We will be accompanied by our colleagues from ScotRail's Economic Development Team – [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who will provide an overview of the team's role and objectives.

We are available on the following dates:

February 23rd – am only
February 26 – all day

March 8th – am only
March 9th – pm only

Can you please confirm if any of these dates are suitable and would you be agreeable to holding our meeting in Glasgow?

I will draft Agenda items for consideration one week prior to the meeting date.

Kind Regards,
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