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Subject: Usan - Montrose etc.

Dear both – hope your trip to Westminster was smooth and your time with MP's hasn't been too stressful!

We had a constructive meeting with TS and [REDACTED] this morning. [REDACTED] wants to crack on with GRIP1-2 on Usan – Montrose, though he now appreciates the order of magnitude of the challenges and potential costs. However, this would be one element of an Aberdeen to Dundee corridor of projects working towards c. 8 minutes of journey time improvement in the next 10-15 years – some of which might come from electrification / future rolling stock capabilities. So we'll need to address all manner of constraints on the route and align with bigger CP6 interventions at Perth and Greenhill Upper etc. which would contribute an additional c. 12minutes of journey time! Generally quite positive in advance of [REDACTED] meeting with the Minister (assume Derek Mackay) tomorrow.

We'll catch up tomorrow [REDACTED] / next week [REDACTED]

Have a good trip back.

Kind regards,

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