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To: Public Engagement Unit
Subject: FW: Meeting Request

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For MACCS ? diary.

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Subject: Meeting Request
Dear Mr Matheson,

Christine has asked me to find out if it would be possible to have a brief meeting with you in parliament to discuss transport issues in her constituency, particularly in Midlothian. As you'll know Midlothian has the fastest growing population in Scotland with a large number of new houses being built which has resulted in strain on the local infrastructure, particularly with overcrowding on the Borders Railway and major tailbacks on the A701 and A7 approaching Edinburgh as commuters travel to and from work in the city which has resulted in a high number of constituents

raising issues with her. There appear to have been a number of possible solutions posited, including light rail/ tram and she'd be grateful for the chance of a chat with you about it.

Kind regards,


Head of Office to Christine Grahame MSP
Constituency Member for Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale

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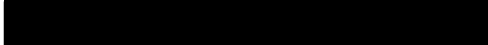
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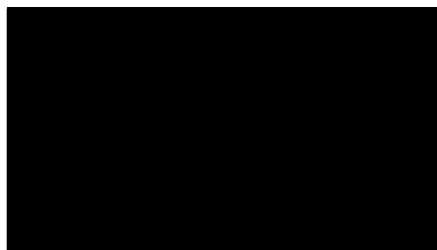


Christine Grahame MSP
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Our ref: 2018/0042223
18th December 2018

Dear Ms Grahame,

Thank you for your email of 27 November inviting the Cabinet Secretary Mr Matheson to meet with you to discuss transport issues in your constituency, particularly Midlothian. Mr Matheson would be happy to meet with you, subject to Parliamentary commitments, and would be grateful if you would contact his diary secretary at CabSecTIC@gov.scot to make appropriate arrangements.



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 June 2018 13:52:36
To: Public Engagement Unit
Subject: MACCS

Hi

For MACCS please?

Many thanks

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[mailto:Michael.Matheson.msp@parliament.scot]
Sent: 27 June 2018 13:43
To: Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work
Subject: Fwd: Welcome to Transport

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Date: 27 June 2018 at 09:35:55 BST
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<Michael.Matheson.msp@parliament.scot>
Subject: Welcome to Transport
Dear Michael




Welcome to the Transport, Infrastructure & Connectivity portfolio.

I am the Managing Director of CalMac Ferries Limited, and I would welcome an

early opportunity to brief you on CalMac and our plans to continue to improve the economic sustainability of our island communities.

I very much look forward to working together with you.

Best regards



Managing Director, CalMac Ferries Ltd
Executive Director, David MacBrayne Ltd


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Our ref: 2018/0022748
22nd August 2018

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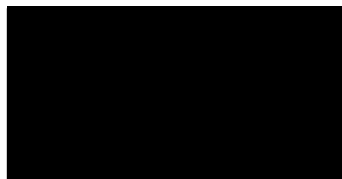


Thank you for your e-mail dated 27 June 2018 requesting a meeting with Michael Matheson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity to brief him regarding CalMac. I am responding on his behalf.

Mr Matheson received a similar request from [redacted] and a meeting has been arranged for 4 October 2018 which I understand you will be attending.

He does not therefore propose to meet you separately at this time.

Kind regards



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Michael Matheson
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9 November 2018

Dear Cabinet Secretary,

Improving performance for customers

Following our meeting with you on Tuesday, I committed to update you by today, on our actions to avoid delaying customers travelling on our railway following overnight project work and maintenance possessions.

We took action before we met on Tuesday, reinforcing to our senior team and key work site deliverers the importance of handing back possessions in good time, and withdrawing from any non-essential work that might impact morning peak services.

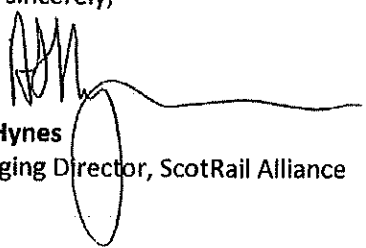
Currently, we undertake a final review of our projects work plan for the network one week ahead. From early next week, we will begin a detailed review of work plans and their impact on running trains three weeks ahead. We will continue to review plans every week leading up to work taking place. This involves all Network Rail Delivery teams who work on Scotland's railway, including Infrastructure Projects, Works Delivery and Maintenance.

We are reviewing work activity, access and isolation plans, and resources. This includes plant, materials, logistics, integration with other works, impact of the works on customers and contingency plans. The meeting will be chaired by the Head of Operations Delivery, Network Rail Scotland and will report to the Alliance Executive each week.

We are also reviewing our action plans to return the train service performance trajectory to acceptable levels. We will update you on progress.

I hope this meets with your expectations. I would be pleased to provide further clarification and reassurance of our absolute focus on delivering for our customers.

Yours sincerely,



Alex Hynes
Managing Director, ScotRail Alliance

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Our ref: 2018/0038922
28th November 2018

Dear Alex

I was pleased to meet with you and senior members of your team on 6 November 2018 to discuss rail performance and to stress the need for improvement. I noted with interest the actions that your team are implementing to address the recent performance issues.

I have since received your letter dated 9 November where you highlight the actions being taken by the ScotRail Alliance to avoid disruption from overruns of engineering works which impact on passengers the following day.

The recently reported incidents of possession overruns have been unacceptable and clearly these have had a detrimental impact on ScotRail's passengers, as reflected in ScotRail's performance statistics. Passengers should not suffer as a result of poor planning/execution by the rail industry. This strength of feeling of passengers is notable and is reflected in the volume of correspondence I have been receiving. I would also note that communications needs to improve in the event of any engineering overruns as this has clearly added to the frustration of customers.

I welcome re-assurance of your focus on delivering for your customers and I look forward to the effective implementation of these plans. You must deliver a quick positive impact: therefore my officials at Transport Scotland will be monitoring closely implementation of your plans and requiring updates through their regular Performance Management processes.

Michael Matheson

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Our ref: 2018/0022775
July 2018

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Thank you for your recent correspondence to Michael Matheson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Transport Infrastructure and Connectivity, with a kind invitation to meet with you and other members of RAGES to discuss the re-opening of Reston and East Linton stations. Mr Matheson requests that you pass on his thanks to the local schoolchildren for the great drawings.

As a consequence of moving to the new and expanded portfolio of Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, Mr Matheson's diary is fully committed and unfortunately, he will be unable to meet in the coming months. However, he is aware of the strong links RAGES has with Scottish Ministers and looks forward to an opportunity of meeting with you towards the end of the year. Mr Matheson has asked his officials to ensure that they keep you apprised of any developments impacting the stations.

The Scottish Government remains a strong supporter of the delivery of both Reston and East Linton stations and is keen to deliver rail infrastructure to meet the needs of the local communities.

Scottish Government fully recognises the opportunities which Reston and East Linton stations can bring to the local community and regional economy. This is why it is important that we work closely with East Lothian and Scottish Borders councils to ensure transport connectivity to the new stations from the local and surrounding areas.

The Scottish Government does not have the power to directly subsidise bus services. We do, however, provide funding to local authorities for this purpose. It is the responsibility of each local authority to allocate the total financial resources available to it on the basis of local needs and priorities. However, the decision to subsidise services is solely a matter for local authorities and the Scottish Government has no power to intervene.

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The Scottish Government introduced The Transport (Scotland) Bill to Parliament on the 8th of June 2018. The Bill contains provisions relating to:-

Bus Services; Low Emission Zones, Smart Ticketing, Pavement and Double Parking; Road Works; Regional Transport Partnership Finance and Scottish Canals Board.

On bus services, the Bill ensures that local transport authorities have viable and flexible options to improve bus services in their areas. It provides them with options to meet local needs and circumstances, including partnership working with operators, local franchising, or running their own buses in certain circumstances. It will also improve the information available to passengers so that bus travel is more accessible and attractive.

More information on the Bill can be found at the websites below:

<https://www.transport.gov.scot/transport-scotland-bill/>

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/108853.aspx>

I hope this information is of assistance.

Kind regards,


Private Secretary

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Our ref: 2018/0024463
15th August 2018



Thank you for your letter of 6th July regarding the reopening of Reston and East Linton stations.

The Scottish Government remains a strong supporter of the delivery of Reston and East Linton stations and fully recognises the opportunities which the stations can bring to the local community and regional economy.

I am appreciative of the strong links which RAGES has with Scottish Ministers, of their dedicated long-term campaign for both stations, and of their acting as a conduit for the views of the local communities ensuring their voices are heard. I look forward to continuing this engagement by meeting with RAGES later in the year to discuss the progress Network Rail have made on the East Coast Main Line (ECML) capacity enhancement study, which includes the stations as key outputs along with other rail interventions.

I reiterate that it is Scottish Government's ambition to have Reston and East Linton stations built as early as practicable in CP6, and commitment to that objective is unwavering.

I hope this information is of assistance.

Best wishes

MICHAEL MATHESON

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Our ref: 2018/0028064
10th September 2018

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Thank you for your correspondence of 9 August to the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, with a kind invitation to meet with you and Rachael Hamilton MSP to discuss the reopening of Reston Station.

Unfortunately, due to a fully committed diary the Cabinet Secretary is unable to meet with you in the coming months, however, seeks an opportunity to meet once further progress on the stations is available to share.

You may be aware that Network Rail are providing an update on both Reston and East Linton stations to representatives of RAGES at their upcoming AGM on 19th September, in Reston.

I hope this information is of assistance.

Kind regards,

[Redacted signature]

Private Secretary

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Our ref: 2018/0033274

20th October 2018

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence of 26 September, regarding perceived delays in delivering Reston and East Linton stations.

The Scottish Government is committed to improving rail services and connectivity. Since 2007 nearly £8 billion has been spent on infrastructure and services, maintaining, improving and expanding the network to build the best railway Scotland has ever had.

Our Rail Enhancements and Capital Investment Strategy (the Strategy), which was published in March 2018, sets out our new approach to planning and funding rail projects. The Strategy highlights that, before considering any infrastructure enhancements, we will seek to derive maximum utility from the existing network through whole industry measures that can make best use of existing railway assets by fully exploiting timetable/service-based opportunities and rolling stock options.

As you may be aware, East Lothian and Scottish Borders Councils were unable to increase their funding contribution for the stations and in late 2016, the then Minister for Transport and the Islands agreed to increase the government's offer to an unprecedented 60%. As there still remained a shortfall, it was subsequently agreed with both councils that the Scottish Government would ensure funding for Reston and East Linton Stations is made available. Consequently, it was also agreed that the stations will be delivered in Control Period 6 (2019-24) as part of a larger package of work currently being developed to enhance capacity on the East Coast Main Line. Scottish Ministers' commitment to the delivery of the stations as early as practicable within CP6 is unwavering.

Network Rail will shortly complete the line study which will identify potential options for increasing capacity on the East Coast Main Line, whilst including Reston and East Linton as key outcomes.

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Network Rail were due to provide an update on both stations at the RAGES AGM on 19th September. However, due to the cancellation of all ScotRail services owing to adverse weather conditions, both Network Rail and Transport Scotland were unable to attend. Consequently, a meeting between Network Rail, Transport Scotland and representatives from RAGES will be arranged in order for the update to be provided with the opportunity for questions to be answered.

I hope this information is of assistance.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Matheson', is written over a large blacked-out redacted area.

MICHAEL MATHESON

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Our ref: 2018/0036081
31 October 2018



Thank you for your correspondence of 11 October 2018 to the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, with an invitation to meet with you to discuss reopening of East Linton station.

Subject to parliamentary business, the Minister would be delighted to accept your invitation. I would therefore be grateful if you could contact the Cabinet Secretary's Diary Secretary at CabSecTIC@gov.scot to make the necessary arrangements.

I hope this information is of assistance.

Kind regards,



Private Secretary

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[REDACTED] Rail Action Group, East of Scotland
[REDACTED]

Our ref: 2018/0037957
20 November 2018

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence of 30 October 2018 to the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, with an invitation to meet with you to discuss the reopening of Reston and East Linton stations.

Subject to parliamentary business, the Cabinet Secretary would be delighted to accept your invitation. I would therefore be grateful if you could attend the Scottish Parliament to meet with the Cabinet Secretary on 8th January from 15:00 – 15:45.

If you have any queries, please contact the Cabinet Secretary's Diary Secretary at CabSecTIC@gov.scot

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
Private Secretary

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Our ref: 2018/0040542
6th December 2018

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your letter of 5th November to Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity; in which you request a meeting with the Minister to discuss a number of issues facing land transport in the Borders, including: the re-instatement of Reston Station; performance on the Borders Line; and the A1/A68/A7 trunk roads. I have been asked to respond.

Subject to Parliamentary business, the Minister would be pleased to accept your request. Please contact Mr Matheson's Diary Secretary, [Redacted] to discuss the arrangements for a meeting.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

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Robbie Drummond - [REDACTED]

- Michael Matheson - Need economic growth / economic value from public health / in
- Tax receipt – economic growth
- Grow economy – social welfare benefits

Ticketing system

- Robbie Drummond - Old system
- Michael Matheson - Keen to see it happen

National Maritime Strategy

- Michael Matheson - In favour of standardisation
- Few different versions
- Similar parts and machinery
- Bulk buying

CMAL/CalMac

- Robbie Drummond - Good working relationship

Vessel too big for Ardrossan

Michael Matheson - [REDACTED]

- Need - co-operation TS
- engagement CalMac - shared
- partnership CMAL responsibility

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

David McGibbon - Michael Matheson to meet with DML Board

- Michael Matheson - Much clearer focus on strategic economic development / growth
- Need to work together.