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Sent: Thursday October 12, 2023 09:58 AM
To: [REDACTED]@dft.gov.uk

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks – we've received with much gratitude 😊

Happy Thursday,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
M [REDACTED]

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Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 3:26 PM
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Subject: FW: For Action: Fiona Hyslop letter

Hi [REDACTED]

Just in case, I'm sharing the letter that minister Holden PO has just sent to minister Hyslop.

Best

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[REDACTED]@transport.gov.scot; [REDACTED]@transport.gov.scot;
[REDACTED]@transport.gov.scot; [REDACTED]@transport.gov.scot;

Thank you [REDACTED].

I'll pass this onto HMT and will get back to you as soon as I can.

Best

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Subject: RE: A75 UCR Development Funding Proposal - Revised Addendum - OS - TS to DfT
17 October 2023

Hi [REDACTED],

My apologies, for the delay in getting back to you in [REDACTED]'s absence.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is back on Monday but if there is anything I can do further on this, please let me know.

Regards
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]/ [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I'd be grateful if you could get back to me as quickly as possible please.

Thank you

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Subject: A75 UCR Development Funding Proposal - Revised Addendum - OS - TS to DfT 17 October 2023

Good Morning All,

Thank you very much for your time in meeting on the 05 October. TS now understand that HMT, in principle, are willing to extend the funding period for the proposed A75 development work to cover FY 2026/27.

Additionally thank you for the MoU template, which we will now consider further.

[REDACTED]

On behalf of all of us at Transport Scotland – we very much look forward to our continued collaboration in this regard and will respond to the MoU template in the coming weeks.

Kind Regards,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Interim Head of Strategic Transport Planning
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M: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]@dft.gov.uk [REDACTED]@dft.gov.uk [REDACTED]@dft.gov.uk
Subject: RE: A75 Updates following PM Announcement

Hi [REDACTED]

I agree that the note you have circulated on Friday 13th October can be considered the final agreed note.

Thanks

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Subject: RE: A75 Updates following PM Announcement

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for this and apologies for the confusion – please see attached which hopefully we can agree as final?

Many Thanks,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
M [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]@dft.gov.uk [REDACTED]@dft.gov.uk [REDACTED]@dft.gov.uk

Subject: RE: A75 Updates following PM Announcement

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for sharing the meeting note with us. I have made some minor changes and left a comment (please see attached) for your consideration.

Thank you.

Best

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[REDACTED]@dft.gov.uk

Subject: RE: A75 Updates following PM Announcement

Hi [REDACTED],

Minutes of our meeting on A75, dated 5 October 2023 are attached for your agreement.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@dft.gov.uk

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[REDACTED]@transport.gov.scot; [REDACTED]@dft.gov.uk

Subject: RE: A75 Updates following PM Announcement

Perfect! Thanks

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Thanks [REDACTED] – let's stick with today.

We can do 3:30pm?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

M [REDACTED]

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Thanks [REDACTED]. If today is not possible, then we can do it either tomorrow or Monday.

I'll be on leave tomorrow but [REDACTED] will be working. Please do let me know if/when works for you.

Best of luck to [REDACTED] in his new role. It was nice working with you, [REDACTED].

Finally nice to e-meet you [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Best

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Subject: RE: A75 Updates following PM Announcement

Hi [REDACTED]

Lovely to hear from you and it was great to speak with [REDACTED] yesterday too.

I am fully booked today but [REDACTED] / [REDACTED] / [REDACTED] may have availability. If you guys find a slot I'll strive to join if I can.

Please note [REDACTED] is now on another project for us so will no longer be your point of contact.

Many Thanks,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
M [REDACTED]

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Subject: A75 Updates following PM Announcement

Hi Both

It's been a long time since we spoke last. Are you free today to have a chat about the next steps for the A75 proposal? Please do let me know.

Thanks



[REDACTED]

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Good Morning [REDACTED],

Apologies for delayed response.

Yes I am available tomorrow:

11-12pm

1-2pm

3-4pm

Please include [REDACTED]/ [REDACTED]in the invitation.

Best Wishes,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

M [REDACTED]

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Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 2:15 PM

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Subject: Catch Up?

Hi [REDACTED]

Hope you are well. We wondered whether we could have a brief catch up before the Christmas break to establish where we are with the A75 project and agree the next steps to promptly kickstart the OBC works next year. Have you any availability either Tue 19th Dec or Wed 20th Dec?

Best



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Meeting Note

Transport Scotland and DfT – Union Connectivity Fund – A75
15:30-16:00, Thursday 05 October 2023 via Teams

Attendees

Transport Scotland (TS):

- Fiona Brown (FB)
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Department for Transport (DfT):

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

Discussion Points

DfT confirmed that HM Treasury have agreed in principle to extend the timescale as set-out in the business case which goes beyond the current Spending Review period and to the total expected expenditure of £8 million.

This would require a MoU to be signed between the UK Government and the Scottish Government, following which funds will be released.

DfT also noted that a form of approval of their Investment Board/Ministers and HMT might be required. Given the passage of time since the submission of Transport Scotland's business case (April 2023), DfT request an updated programme and spend profile for the A75 work from TS officials.

TS noted that it will be very useful if DfT could share a draft version of the MoU to allow for legal and financial teams to consider as early as possible.

DfT sought clarity on when TS expected to use the funds and whether any was expected for the current financial year. TS expects funding to be required from the next financial year onwards.

TS sought clarity from DfT on the governance arrangements and reiterated that the project and its decisions are wholly a devolved matter. DfT assured TS that decision making and governance would respect devolution and that the only requirement would be for DfT to be provided with regular updates on funding use. DfT noted that, as an example, under the MoU with Northern Ireland there are quarterly updates provided.

TS noted that UK Government and the Scottish Government Ministers met following the UKG publication of the Network North strategy alongside the announcement to cancel the northern leg of HS2. Following this, TS/SG are still seeking formal confirmation of funding for the A75 proposal.

DfT noted that a letter is being drafted following the Minister's call and will be issued in the coming days.

TS noted that it is unclear whether the funding in the Network North initiative announced on 4 October 2023 is separate from the £8m sought from the UCR fund. DfT confirmed that the £8m sought will be provided from the Union Connectivity Review Development Fund and not the Network North funds.

TS asked for clarity on how the funds allocated in the Network North scheme will be allocated. DfT noted that further details are still to be confirmed, but it is likely that the funds will be subject to normal business case processes.

Action	Owner
Provide written confirmation of UCR Funding to TS and provide clarity on the points raised, regarding Network North strategy, by Ms Hyslop in the meeting with Mr Richard Holden MP on 4 October 2023.	DfT
Submit an addendum to the funding proposal	TS
Provide a draft MoU	DfT