

Excerpts

### **10/10/11 – TS Response**

Thank you for your e-mail correspondence of 21 September suggesting that the Scottish Government and Transport Scotland should reconsider the NEWGARL proposal in conjunction with Crossrail Glasgow.

We have considered both the “Crossrail for Scotland” and “NEWGARL” proposals. While individual elements of the “Crossrail for Scotland” proposal may be technically feasible, they are not considered to offer a viable solution for a number of reasons, including:

- transferring current services from city centre stations would disadvantage existing passengers;
- addition of new services that bypass the city-centre would bring no benefits to existing rail users, and would require an on-going operating subsidy. Additional infrastructure would be required at key points along the network to accommodate operational factors in Edinburgh

### **24/10/11 – TS Response**

The Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR) established the Scottish Governments transport investment priorities for the next 20 years. Glasgow Crossrail, an SPT proposal which has been around for many years, was considered as part of STPR and rejected, as it did not make best use of the rail network.

In contrast, the West of Scotland Strategic Rail Enhancement programme (STPR project 24) will offer better opportunities to enhance connectivity for the heaviest rail demand patterns in and around Glasgow.