

## **BACKGROUND NOTE FOR S6W-27048**

### **North-South Tram Extension**

1. City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) is expected to go out for public consultation on the proposed route for the north-south tram extension (Granton to BioQuarter) in 2024.
2. The proposed tram extension could have a role to play in an Edinburgh and South East of Scotland (ESES) Mass Transit scheme as outlined in Recommendation 6 of STPR2. However, it is important to note that ESES Mass Transit aims to provide a step change in public transport across the region – being multi-modal and cross boundary in order to complement the current bus, tram and heavy rail networks and provide improved connectivity between the city and surrounding communities, as well as more direct connections between communities outside of Edinburgh.
3. While extensions to the current tram route (including the proposed North-South Tram) are relevant to STPR2 Recommendation 6, Scottish Government/Transport Scotland involvement would focus on how these extensions would integrate with the wider regional scheme, rather than playing a key role in their delivery.

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