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Transport for Strathclyde: A New Public Transport Network

I am writing to you as Chair of SPT, your Regional Transport Partnership, as I promised my board members, to seek your Council's support for the vision and direction set out in Transport for Strathclyde: A New Public Transport Network.

At the heart of the TfS document is a desire I am sure we all share as local councillors, for a better public transport system for our rdosranrdon7(r)-2t.1 (o)1 (s)2.; (n)5..6 (u)-0n6 (c1)11.1 (o t.1 (oh7(r)-29(m)-9d7(rd)1.6 (u)- system which is *available, accessible, affordable, ecologically and economically sustainable, integrated, efficient, reliable, safe and enjoyable*. The second part sets out 5 visions: One Network, Smart Network, Green Network, Affordable Network and Network for the Future - which encompasses some of the challenging issues which we all know well from our constituent's concerns.[1] The third and final part sets out the most difficult challenge - what we need to deliver those changes. We know public transport needs to change and we also know that by improving public transport, we can transform the quality of life in our communities - whether in towns and cities, or across the island and rural parts of the region.

It must be said that good work is going on through various partnerships, projects and policy ideas, nationally, regionally and locally, at your and neighbouring authorities[2] - but even that work needs an empowered and resourced regional transport authority to support and deliver any ambitious change. The delivery of transformative change, championing the most vulnerable communities in and across the boundaries of our local authorities, presents particular challenges and I believe a stronger regional transport authority, accountable to your Council and appropriately empowered can meet the aspirations of our communities and tackle the big transport issues of net zero and covid recovery.