

## Statement

The Edinburgh Tram project has had to announce today (Friday 09:30) that the planned tram infrastructure work due to commence on Princes Street cannot start as planned this weekend. The ongoing utility diversion work will, however, continue and the diversion of traffic from Princes Street will still take effect from 05.00 on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

The decision was brought about because the Project was given 48 hours notice before the commencement of Princes Street works that the tram project consortium, BSC, comprising Bilfinger Berger, Siemens and CAF wished to impose unacceptable conditions as a requirement to start in Princes Street.

This announcement is supported by the City of Edinburgh Council, the project client, and Transport Scotland, the principal funder is fully aware of this situation.

We will issue a further update in due course. Meantime, we will continue to work with all stakeholders over the coming days.

**For further information please contact Tom Cassidy of Media House on 07771855028 or Gordon Robertson of Media House on 07887 542 124.**

**Ends**

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## What are the benefits of trams?

### For you

- One part of a better integrated transport system
- Safer – attendant plus driver
- Faster journey times
- Comfortable and accessible
- Less congestion = less pollution & noise
- Looks great

### For Edinburgh

- Better transport is essential to the growth of the city and attracting new businesses
- Trams are environmentally friendly
- Connects Waterfront, Edinburgh Park and Edinburgh Airport with the City Centre
- Link to airport will benefit tourism and businesses
- Trams will attract more visitors to the City Centre