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Hello

In relation to the Penarth – Cardiff Barrage WelTAG Stage Two report and for consideration at tomorrow's evening Environment & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, please see below a copy of an email from the Head of Transport at Cardiff Council:

Dear Emma,

Re Penarth to Cardiff Corridor Weltag studies

Following recent meetings with the Vale of Glamorgan Council, the Regional Transport Authority and Welsh Government, I wanted to take the opportunity to register my comments on the Penarth to Cardiff Corridor Stage 2 Weltag study recommendations.

As you will be aware, this is a key corridor for journeys into Cardiff from the wider Vale area. As such, the delivery of attractive and high quality alternatives on this corridor is a key focus for Cardiff and is essential in our ongoing efforts to reduce congestion, improve air quality, cut emissions and tackle all of the other issues which arise from existing levels of car based commuting into the city. Effective regional cooperation will be key in enabling Cardiff and our neighbouring authorities to address both the long-standing and pressing challenges we all face in driving forward significant modal shift, as well as a step change in how journeys are made around the wider region, for example, through the delivery of the Metro.

I am concerned, therefore, that the recent Stage Two Weltag study recommends that Option 2 of the study is not taken forward to Weltag Stage Three at this stage as this potentially represents an opportunity to provide modal shift on this corridor.

I would also stress that as a neighbouring local authority of the Vale, a key destination for journeys originating from the Vale and the potential joint delivery partner for any schemes taken forward on this corridor, that we are more than just a stakeholder and consultee. Indeed I consider that Cardiff must be actively involved in the Weltag process and in taking forward any potential schemes linking to the authority. Continued, thorough engagement is critical. That said, the recommendations put forward in the report should not compromise the future ability of Cardiff to pursue options for this corridor.

Turning to the next steps, in the light of the above, I would emphasise that we want to see the continuation of option 2 to Weltag Stage 3, along with a review of Weltag Stages 1 and 2, in which we must be actively involved.

I trust that you will convey these comments accordingly and look forward to hearing from you to discuss the points raised above if that helps, at your earliest opportunity.

Best wishes,

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