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Dear Peter

DRAFT GUIDANCE FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY PROMOTERS CONSIDERING A LIGHT RAIL PROJECT

I am pleased to respond to the consultation on this draft guidance on behalf of the Passenger Transport Executives, who have been the main promoters of light rail projects over the last two decades.

We have worked closely with colleagues in the industry through UKTram and fully support the response they have made.

The only additional comment I would make is that we also feel it would be helpful if, in the section on integration between bus and rail services and fares, the guidance could refer to the potential increase in value for money of trams schemes in situations where PTEs have greater control over the integration of tram and bus networks, as envisaged in 'Putting Passengers First', whether this is through partnership or franchising arrangements.

We would be delighted to work with you in finalising this guidance, whether through pteg or through UKTram. Please contact me or Peter Adams at Centro, if we can assist in this way.

Yours sincerely



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