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Dear Julian

### **RFA2 North Fringe to Hengrove Package and South Bristol Link, West of England**

The above schemes which are profiled to start in 2013/14 (North Fringe to Hengrove Package) and 2014/15 (South Bristol Link) are seeking DfT programme entry. The West of England Partnership has confirmed that their MSBC submission for these schemes shows them delivering to cost and profile as outlined in the region's RFA2 submission. We can confirm both schemes are in the Region's programme.

The Region's Transport and Infrastructure Board felt it prudent to make the promoters of the two schemes aware of the increased risk of developing these schemes in a period of likely public sector funding cuts, particularly as these schemes are due to start at the end of the 5 year forward programme and into the developing programme.

Regional support to on-going scheme development and progression through the DfT approval process has been made in light of the current RFA funding position; this does not imply that such schemes should necessarily receive a higher priority than other transport interventions should a re-prioritisation of the programme be necessary due to changed circumstances following a General Election.

Yours sincerely

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