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Ron Culley
Chief Executive

Dear James

Community Planning

As you are aware, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport are working hard to ensure that we continue to evolve and improve our strong relationships with your local authority in order that we better understand the needs and priorities of your area.

Some time ago I wrote to you as a consequence of my decision to allocate one of our most senior staff to your authority whose task was to act in an ambassadorial role, to expedite issues of a transport nature which you would like to see tackled and to improve communication between our organisations. In the case of your own authority, our representative is Gordon MacLennan, Assistant Chief Executive (Customer Services).

Following our appointment of a Community Planning Manager some months ago, I am now most anxious that our senior members of staff also actively participates in your community planning arrangements at an authority level should you take the view that this might be helpful.

Whilst I am aware that transport *per se* might not regularly feature on your Community Planning agenda, it is nevertheless the case that Community Planning frequently deals with issues which have a bearing on the transport agenda and I can see great value in this arrangement taking place.

My purpose in writing therefore, is to invite you to consider the extent to which our representative might attend appropriate Community Planning Meetings in your authority.

When next Gordon MacLennan meets with your Head of Roads and Transport, they will wish to raise this issue and you may wish to brief your colleague on the wisdom of this arrangement in your authority and, should you deem it useful, how most effectively they might engage in this process.

With my best personal wishes,

Yours sincerely



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