

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL

MEETING 9

11 December 2014

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Item no 5.1

QUESTION NO 1

By Councillor Heslop for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 11 December 2014

Question

Requests the Convener lists collisions involving trams since operations began with an indication of the causes and impacts, especially in relation to delays and damage, of each collision?

Answer

A description of the collisions has been compiled using information provided by Edinburgh Trams and is attached.

In summary, there have been 14 incidents involving trams in the period since they started running on 31 May 2014, twelve of which resulted in no injuries.

One collision involved a pedestrian and one involved a cyclist. Nine incidents involved other vehicles and all efforts were made to ensure that delays to trams were kept to a minimum. Through experience gained, we are striving to limit the impact of any incidents on the service.

The collision type is consistent with the definitions used by Police Scotland and the Department for Transport. Damage only has been used if there was no personal injury and slight where the casualty required minor treatment. More detailed explanation can be found at the following link https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/230596/stats20-2011.pdf.

Date	Location	Description of Incident	Service Restrictions	Service Resumed After Delay of	Injuries	Collision Type
04/06/14 16:21	South St Andrew Street at Princes Street junction	Tram heading southwards on South St Andrew Street approaching Princes Street junction when a collision occurred with a pedestrian.	No restrictions	14 Minutes	Pedestrian Declined Medical Attention at scene	Slight
13/07/14 08:41	Coates Place at Manor Place junction	Tram proceeding east towards City Centre in offside lane. Coach also travelling east in the inside lane and collision occurred.	Short Running from Edinburgh Airport to Murrayfield	95 Minutes	None	Damage only
29/07/14 12:50	West Maitland Street at Palmerston Place junction	Tram heading east on West Maitland Street through Palmerston Place junction when a collision occurred with a vehicle turning right into Torphichen Place.	No restrictions	16 Minutes	None	Damage only

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07/08/14 11:13	Coates Place, between Manor Place and Palmerston Place junctions	Tram proceeding westwards in offside lane. Bus also travelling westbound when a collision occurred.	No restrictions	0 Minutes	None	Damage only
27/08/14 18:12	Gogar Castle Road at tram rail crossing	Tram proceeding airport bound when a collision occurred with a vehicle heading southwards over Gogar Castle Road rail crossing.	No restrictions	20 Minutes	None	Damage only
29/08/14 07:38	Coates Place, between Manor Place and Palmerston Place junctions	Tram proceeding east towards City Centre in offside lane. Coach also travelling east on the inside lane and collision occurred.	Short Running from Edinburgh Airport to Murrayfield	180 Minutes	None	Damage only
31/08/14 07:55	Edinburgh Airport Tram Stop	Tram entering Airport Tram Stop when a collision occurred with the vehicles arrestor.	No restrictions	0 Minutes	None	Damage only
02/09/14 10:57	Edinburgh Airport Tram Stop	Tram entering Airport Tram Stop when a collision occurred with the vehicles arrestor.	No restrictions	0 Minutes	None	Damage only

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06/09/14 00:06	Off-street Tramway between Bankhead and Edinburgh Park Station Tram Stops	Tram heading westwards on off-street section of the route between Bankhead and Edinburgh Park Station Tram Stops when it collided with an object which was lying across the rails.	Temporary Speed Restriction implemented through this location	0 Minutes	None	Damage only
07/09/14 20:17	West Maitland Street at Palmerston Place junction	Tram heading east on West Maitland Street through Palmerston Place junction when a collision occurred with a vehicle turning right into Torphichen Place.	Short Running from Edinburgh Airport to Murrayfield	49 Minutes	None	Damage only
22/10/14 14:35	Coates Place, between Manor Place and Palmerston Place junctions	Tram proceeding east towards City Centre in offside lane. Coach also travelling east in the inside lane and a collision occurred.	No restrictions	16 Minutes	None	Damage only
24/10/14 16:17	Coates Place at Manor Place junction	Tram proceeding westwards in offside lane. Taxi also travelling west in the inside lane and a collision occurred.	No restrictions	14 Minutes	None	Damage only

Date	Location	Description of Incident	Service Restrictions	Service Resumed After Delay of	Injuries	Collision Type
27/11/14 17:30	Edinburgh Park rail crossing near Lochside Place	Tram heading Airport bound through Edinburgh Park Business Centre when a collision occurred with a cyclist on a rail crossing.	Short Running between York Place and Edinburgh Park and Airport to Gyle	80 Minutes	Cyclist Injured	Slight
28/11/14 09:58	Coates Place, between Manor Place and Palmerston Place junctions	Tram proceeding east towards City Centre in offside lane. Coach also travelling east in the inside lane and collision occurred.	Trams temporarily held at tramstops	51 Minutes	None	Damage only