

QUESTION NO 42

**By Councillor Macinnes for answer
by the Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 30 June 2022**

Question

The agreed City Mobility Plan has a number of key required actions in the drive towards a sustainable transport network for Edinburgh and our net zero carbon goals. One of the key actions regarding the further effective development of our tram facilities for mass transit is noted below.

'Policy Measure MOVEMENT 1 Mass Rapid Transit Expand the tram/mass rapid transport network to the north and south of the city as well as to Newhaven and explore the potential to develop or extend mass rapid transit routes into Fife, West, Mid and East Lothian.

The Edinburgh Strategic Sustainable Transport Study Phase 2 (ESSTS2) concludes that mass transit will contribute significantly to supporting wider policy outcomes including sustainable economic growth, reducing carbon, promoting equity and social inclusion and supporting healthier lifestyles. The ESSTS2 focusses on a potential tram extension from the north (Granton) to south east (BioQuarter and beyond), consisting of three route options. '

The development of a full business case and the legislative framework to allow this North-South tram line development will be complex, thorough and likely to take much of this administrative term to complete.

Will the Transport Convener commit to bringing this process in front of the Transport & Environment Committee at the earliest possible date to ensure that no time is wasted in taking the Council to an appropriate decision-making point?

Answer