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Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Draft Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill Consultation**

The Confederation of Passenger Transport (CPT) is glad of the opportunity to comment on the draft Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill. CPT acknowledges the value of the Games bid to Scotland and the importance of preparation and consultation to ensure that Glasgow's infrastructure is best prepared. CPT is primarily concerned with sections 31-34, regarding the development and implementation of a 'Games Transport Plan' and traffic regulations.

#### **Games Transport Plan**

CPT welcomes the formulation of a 'Games Transport Plan' as mentioned in section 31(1). However, CPT is concerned that section 32(2) only lists 'Ministers' and 'council[s] in whose area a Games event is to take place' as consultees prior to formulation of the transport plan. We would urge that the list of consultees be amended to include passenger transport operators and Traveline Scotland.

Theme 13 of the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games Candidate City File presents an ambitious case for Glasgow's planned transport infrastructure with advancements listed in areas such as ticketing and information provision as well as an overview of the planned Games Route Network. To ensure that these schemes progress effectively and efficiently through the Games Transport Plan requires the involvement of passenger transport operators from the outset.

Additionally, Traveline Scotland is a formidable resource for collating existing services alongside Games-specific routes to provide an overview of the entire transport network during the Commonwealth Games. Traveline Scotland is already established as the source for public transport information in Scotland. A key element of the Games Transport Plan is information provision and the involvement of Traveline Scotland would allow Ministers and Councils to build upon this existing resource which contains up to date, accurate, impartial and understandable information on all Public Transport services within Scotland

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To not involve Travelline Scotland would mean having to reinvent the wheel to a certain extent to provide Games visitors and the Scottish public with the information necessary to travel on public transport during the Commonwealth games.

### **Urgent traffic regulation measures**

While CPT appreciates that urgent traffic regulation measures may be required during the Games, section 33 makes no provision for providing passenger transport operators immediate, if not advance, notice of any road restrictions or closures.

It is the opinion of CPT that section 33 should place an onus on traffic authorities to liaise with passenger transport operators to address service and congestion problems resulting from any urgent traffic regulation measures. Operators will be expected to continue to run a comprehensive service throughout the duration of the Games and enabling the service to remain reliable should be a chief consideration of traffic authorities.

### **General Comment**

The Bill makes provisions for the increase in traffic that the Commonwealth Games would bring to Glasgow and the need for safe, secure and reliable transport for the Games Family. However, given the transient nature of the Bill through its sunset clause, CPT would hope that traffic measures instigated to improve Glasgow's transport infrastructure for the Games are not regarded as equally temporary.

We would like the Bill to commit to consulting with passenger transport operators through the formulation of the Games Transport Plan and to liaise with operators throughout the duration of the Games. Additionally, we believe the bill should direct Ministers and traffic authorities to consider permanent infrastructure improvements where appropriate within the formulation of the Games Transport Plan.

The Games Transport Plan should provide an opportunity to build on Glasgow's established strategic motorway and major road network and to increase the number of quality bus corridors. Through wide-ranging and early consultation, and with a view to implementing permanent traffic infrastructure improvements, Glasgow's transport network can be best prepared for 2014 and will be positioned to benefit from the Games long after their conclusion.

Regards,

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