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Dear Sir/Madam,

Rail 2014 Response by the RTPs Joint Chairs

Introduction

The Joint Chairs of Scotland's Regional Transport Partnerships welcome this opportunity to comment on the issues raised in the Rail 2014 consultation. We are also grateful for your agreement to accept our response later than the official closing date of 20 February so that it could be considered at the Joint Chairs meeting on 7 March.

In addition to our response to the set questions in the consultation document, we would also like to emphasise that the RTPs represent an opportunity in enhancing the delivery of rail passenger transport in Scotland.

We would be able to strengthen and take fuller account of local issues in the provision of rail services and associated infrastructure but in order to best do so, there is a need to review and clarify the role of PTPs in relation to Transport Scotland, ScotRail and Network Rail.

We also feel there is a need to take greater account of all the public transport modes when considering the ScotRail Franchise specification. This is valid not only for transport provision within Scotland but also for Anglo-Scottish services where the main alternative to rail is air. We would therefore ask Transport Scotland to open up discussions with DfT so that franchising of cross-border rail services takes a full holistic account of overall transport requirements.

We trust that you will take full account of this response by the Joint Chairs of Scotland's RTPs to the Rail2014 consultation. Should you wish to discuss any of the comments or issues raised in this response further please contact

the RTP Chairs Secretariat at alex.macaulay@sestran.gov.uk tel. 0131 524 5152.

Yours faithfully,

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