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Dear Alan,

Thank you for your letter of 11th January 2007 providing an update on progress with the development of TACTRAN's Regional Transport Strategy (RTS).

I understand that the RTS is now out to public consultation and I appreciate that you are endeavouring to encourage consultees to respond as early as possible in order to minimise potential slippage. I am pleased to note that in the event of significant issues being raised during the public consultation, TACTRAN wishes to ensure that those issues are given appropriate consideration, but remains committed to making every effort to submit the finalised strategy by 31st March.

The strategies of the seven regional transport partnerships will be considered over the 3 months following their submission and I expect my officials to take a pragmatic approach to attending to the strategies as they are received. To this end, I would find it helpful if TACTRAN could continue to keep my officials apprised of developments and hope that submission of the TACTRAN RTS by 31st March can still be achieved.

I hope this is of assistance.

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**TAVISH SCOTT**

