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Tayside and Central Scotland Regional Transport Partnership Appoints New Chair

The Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership (TACTRAN) has appointed Councillor Will Dawson of Dundee City Council as the Partnership's new Chair. At their meeting on 23rd June 2009 the Partnership Board appointed Councillor Dawson to the vacancy which had arisen as a result of recent changes to Dundee City Council's representation on the TACTRAN Board.

Councillor Dawson said "I am delighted to have been given this opportunity to Chair the Regional Transport Partnership and look forward to working with my Councillor colleagues from Dundee, Angus, Perth & Kinross and Stirling and our 5 non-Councillor Board members, in taking forward the development of the Partnership and implementation of our Regional Transport Strategy".

"We had an impressive Agenda at my first meeting as Chair, when the Partnership received very positive reports from our officers on progress with proposals for new Park & Ride schemes at Dundee and Perth, on the Tay Estuary Rail Study which is making the case for additional train services between Arbroath and Glasgow, on encouraging more sustainable travel choices through Travel Planning and other measures, and looking at possible Demand Responsive Transport pilots for improving public transport accessibility in both urban and rural parts of the region "

"The TACTRAN Regional Transport Strategy Delivery Plan, which was also approved yesterday, sets out the key projects and proposals which are needed to improve accessibility and connectivity across the region. I am committed to working with our partner Councils, other Regional Transport Partnerships, Scottish Government, Transport Scotland and other public and private sector bodies to secure the necessary support and commitment to delivering the Regional Transport Strategy, and the associated economic, accessibility and sustainability benefits our Strategy aims to deliver across the Tayside and Central Region in the period up to 2023".

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TACTRAN is the statutory Regional Transport Partnership covering the Angus, Dundee City, Perth & Kinross and Stirling Council areas. TACTRAN has produced a Regional Transport Strategy (RTS), which is a statutory strategic plan setting out a vision and objectives for improving the region's transport infrastructure, services and facilities over the 15 years to 2023.

The RTS has been shaped and informed by analysis of the trends and issues facing the region and by earlier widespread consultation with key stakeholders. The strategy was formally approved by Scottish Ministers in June 2008.

The TACTRAN RTS Delivery Plan sets out the Partnership's delivery proposals for the 15 year period of the RTS. TACTRAN has also approved a Capital and Revenue Programme of schemes and measures which support development and delivery of the RTS in 2009/10 and 2010/11.

Further information on TACTRAN and the Regional Transport Strategy can be obtained and downloaded free of charge from the Partnership's website at www.tactran.gov.uk or by calling 01738 475775.