



PRESS RELEASE

Tactran Chair welcomes new Glasgow Rail Services

The Chair of Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership (Tactran) has welcomed recently announced changes to rail timetables that will give travellers more frequent train services from Dundee and Perth to Glasgow.

Transport Scotland has announced that from December 2011 First Scotrail will provide more direct trains between Glasgow and Perth and Dundee including several services at peak periods.

Three new services will operate from Glasgow to Dundee, with two new services travelling in the opposite direction from Dundee to Glasgow. All of these services will also stop at Perth station. In addition two of the current Glasgow to Perth services will be extended through to Dundee. Perth will also benefit from additional services between Glasgow and Inverness stopping at Perth.

Will Dawson, Chair of Tactran, said: "Tactran welcomes these additional Glasgow services. This builds upon the early morning Dundee to Glasgow service recently introduced in May. Together these services will significantly improve public transport links between Dundee and Perth to Glasgow.

"Tactran, through its Tay Estuary Rail Study (TERS), has been working in partnership with Transport Scotland, Network Rail and First Scotrail to introduce more frequent rail services between Dundee, Perth and the Central Belt and also for more local services. This is the first traces of that work coming forward and Tactran will continue to press for more local services through its TERS work."

Notes to News Editors

1. 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.

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.

2. Transport Scotland is the Scottish Government's national transport agency responsible for; aviation, bus, freight and taxi policy; coordinating the National Transport Strategy for Scotland; ferries, ports and harbours; impartial travel services; liaising with regional transport partnerships, including monitoring of funding; local roads policy; major public transport projects; national concessionary travel schemes; rail and trunk road networks; sustainable transport, road safety and accessibility; the Blue Badge Scheme. Transport Scotland is an Executive agency accountable to Scottish Ministers.
<http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/>

3. ScotRail is finalising the detail of the new services in December.

They include trains at 08.07 Glasgow-Dundee; 0906 Glasgow-Dundee, and 17.11 Glasgow-Dundee.

In addition, the 16.10 and 17.11 Glasgow-Perth services will now be extended to Dundee.

There will be also be new 12.15 and 15.15 Dundee-Glasgow services.

The extra Elgin-Inverness service will depart at 07.27, arriving 08.15.

There will be 2 extra services from Glasgow to Inverness and an extra service each to Glasgow and Edinburgh from Inverness on weekdays.

Sunday services - Edinburgh-Inverness and Inverness-Glasgow will each get an extra service and the number of Inverness-Edinburgh trains will double from two to four.