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Dear Convener,

## **EAST KILBRIDE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT – FUNDING APPROVAL**

I am writing to advise that I have recently endorsed a request to fund the completion of the East Kilbride Enhancement project which will see the completion phase of this project move into implementation. The level of funding associated with this approval is £96.3m which supplements a previous funding authority for development and advanced works of £43.5m, already being delivered alongside the Barrhead electrification works, bringing the total funding authority for the scheme to £139.8m.

The scheme itself will deliver full electrification of the East Kilbride line and enable introduction of faster, quieter, greener and more reliable electric trains on the route. In addition the project will deliver enhanced station facilities at East Kilbride Station, the relocation of Hairmyres station to new multi-modal transport hub; and the extension of the existing Hairmyres double track loop to enhance capacity and operational resilience. The project will also deliver efficiencies in operating costs with the transition to electric trains and increased revenue through passenger growth and new ticket gates.

This is an integral part of the Scottish Ministers' commitment to decarbonise rail services and is aligned with the Glasgow to Barrhead electrification scheme which is currently in construction and due to complete by December 2023. The wider decarbonisation programme aligns with key policies including the National Transport Strategy (NTS2), the Climate Change Plan and the Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR2).

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Further updates on the progress of the project and the wider Decarbonisation Action Plan will be provided at appropriate junctures.

Yours sincerely

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