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Tram Trains for Edinburgh welcomes City Council resolution to request government action on the project feasibility study

The SNP group on Edinburgh Council wasted no time in pressing the Scottish Government to fund the South Sub feasibility study, as promised in their election manifesto. An amended motion passed by the Council on Thursday, confirmed its strong support for the project and mandated the CEC Transport Convenor to ask the new Scottish Transport Minister, Stephen Flynn, to provide funds for the feasibility study within the next six months.

Tram Trains for Edinburgh believes that in comparison to many transport projects, which would be years in the making, the South Sub represents a 'quick win'. The project is well defined, based on an existing rail route, likely to demonstrate a positive benefit/cost ratio and an opportunity to get 'shovels in the ground' soon. It's complementary, but separate, from the larger tram extension project. The new Transport Minister would be well advised to give it his prompt attention.

Rob Falcon, Chair of Tram Trains for Edinburgh said:

"The City Council directly requesting that the Scottish Government funds the feasibility study, represents a further milestone in getting this project done for the benefit of the City and the wider Lothian region. The voting in the Council indicated broad support for the project across the political parties, in a way not demonstrated before. We urge the Council to set ambitious objectives and keep up the pressure on the newly elected government."

See CEC Full Council Papers: <https://tinyurl.com/CECSouthSub>

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