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Dear Ray

I write to update you on our TCF Tranche 2 submission and to thank you for the letter of support you supplied in November in support of our TCF Tranche 2 bid. I am delighted to report that our bid has been well received, in part because of the excellent support we received from our partners which has directly contributed to the city region securing £51,263,677 for walking, cycling and public transport improvements.

Following the chancellor's announcement in March we have now received confirmation of what the funding award is for and I am pleased to confirm that the following schemes will be funded through TCF:

Mobility Hubs - Installation of about 50 multi-modal mobility hubs, strategically integrated into the public transport network. These will consist of 300 electric vehicle charging points, 400 e-bikes, car club, 0.5 megawatts of solar carports and a smart booking system. Local residents, employees, businesses and visitors will be able to plan their journeys to use public and shared transportation, both in the city and on the main routes into Devon and Cornwall.

UTC Smart Cities Traffic Management - Upgrading and integrating all the signals on the main roads in to the city centre. This will: reduce the amount of congestion on the network by smoothing traffic flows; improve air quality on our main roads as stop/start driving is inefficient in terms of fuel consumption; and, to give priority to buses approaching junctions by phasing signals to give traffic and buses a 'green wave' through the city.

Work Places Travel Package - We want to help businesses to develop, grow the local economy, address the challenge of climate change and encourage people to lead healthier, more active lives by walking, cycling and using buses and trains more. The Council will work with employers to develop and deliver sustainable travel policies in their workplace so that organisations can: encourage staff to travel more actively; contribute to reductions in CO2 and manage on-site parking to encourage car sharing.

Woolwell to The George - Dedicated walking and cycling facilities linking the P&R with the existing Woolwell community to support up to 2,000 new houses as part of the Woolwell Urban Extension, including bus priority on Woolwell Road and widening to provide dual carriageway on the A386 Tavistock Road between The George Junction and Woolwell Roundabout to benefit all vehicles.

Public Transport Hub at St. Budeaux - St. Budeaux rail stations (Victoria Road and Ferry Road) are both in close proximity to frequent bus services between St Budeaux Square and the north of the city. An interchange would provide a pivotal role in connecting commuters using improved rail services from the

South East Cornwall and West Devon with employment and healthcare opportunities in the Derriford and Northern Corridor Growth Area.

City Centre Walking and Cycling Links - Better Places Plymouth - Better Places Plymouth is a long-term programme of investment to transform the City Centre's streets and spaces to support and enable inward investment by (in part) enhancing the pedestrian and cycle experience in our city centre.

Royal Parade Improvement Scheme – This section of road is a significant point within the cities transport network. 158 buses stop on average in an hour, as well as significant numbers of public owned vehicles using the road at the same time, thus highlighting the need for improvement. The scheme aims to increase the capacity of Plymouth's principle bus interchange by inserting shallow saw-tooth bus stops along either side of the carriageway. This is in combination with a proposed bus lane in each direction.

Mayflower Street Bus Stops – To upgrade the bus infrastructure on Mayflower Street to take pressure of Royal Parade which currently suffers with queuing at the bus stops. It will enable the northern area of the City Centre to be better served by the bus network, linking to other modes of transport.

Plymouth Station Forecourt – Create a pedestrian priority area and linking to phase one of the railway station concourse improvements being delivered and funded through Tranche 1 of TCF (TCF T1).

Walk and Cycle Improvements from Dockyard to City Centre – The Dockyard (B3396 Saltash Road) to City Centre corridor has been identified as a route that could be significantly enhanced from a cycling and walking perspective. This scheme provides a 2.7 kilometre facility along a key commuter corridor.

Whilst the amount falls short of our ask (£116m) I'm certain you'll agree that a £51m funding award for the city is a massive achievement. Whilst some schemes are currently unfunded the feedback from DfT on our bid has been very positive. They have been keen to reassure us that the work that went into the bid was of sufficient quality to enable us to bid for future funding opportunities. Our ambition remains to deliver the whole of the TCF programme and we will continue to explore funding opportunities with you in the future.

With regards to Saltash Station unfortunately this isn't a schemes funded through Tranche 2 of TCF. We did secure £316,200 for walking and cycling and £290,855 for public transport through Tranche 1, and whilst there is no funding currently available for this project should that change we will be in touch.

Once again I'd like to thank you for your letter of support for our bid, your support helped set our bid apart from the other cities and we look forward to working with you again in the future.

Yours Sincerely

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