

**PE1223/DDD**

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Dear Andrew,

I note the Public Petitions Committee's ongoing and welcome interest into the issue of improved school transport signage (PE1223) and its decision during previous considerations on 5 August to write to the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) and the Association of Transport Co-ordinating Officers (ATCO) for information on earlier difficulties in identifying a local authority to host a pilot scheme of enhanced school bus signage. I write to update you of developments that have taken place in the interim.

Transport Scotland has continued to engage with stakeholders on this issue in recent months and, following dissemination of a further request for notes of interest regarding a pilot via the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE) Scotland and the Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland (SCOTS), I am pleased to be able to inform the Committee that agreement has been reached for Glasgow City Council to undertake this initiative.

Developments are still very much in the early stages yet we are looking for implementation to begin as early as is practicable. The Glasgow pilot will help to provide a robust evidence base to assess the benefits of enhanced school transport signage and will add to the evaluation work previously undertaken in Aberdeenshire. Transport Scotland has offered evaluation support to Glasgow City Council to help shape the pilot and best ensure that the effects can be appropriately measures and evaluated.

The findings from the evaluation of the pilot will help Transport Scotland and our road safety partners take future considerations on the issue of school transport signage, in order to more fully discern best practice in this area. We foresee this initiative making a valuable contribution to our efforts to keep pupils safe on journeys to and from the classroom, a responsibility which we all share.



I hope that the Committee finds this information useful and Transport Scotland will be happy to provide subsequent future updates on the above matters, as the Committee deems necessary.

Yours sincerely,

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