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## **Freedom of Information request**

I am writing in response to your recent Freedom of Information requests which have been considered in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act and our information access policy. I can confirm that we hold some of the information you require.

The answers to each request are embedded within each of your questions

## Map related questions

1. I see the doubling from the Penarth branch has changed and a second platform at Dingle road is no longer planed. Can you provide an update and any plans for these proposed works.

Dingle Road will retain its existing Platform only. We cannot confirm the works at this station presently as this is being worked through.

2. Can you confirm what the commissioning colours represent. e.g. Signalling system, OLE, etc

The commissioning colours represent a two stage Signalling and Permanent Way commissioning for entry into service as part of the upgrade to the infrastructure.

## Infrastructure

3. Can you provide an update plan for the redesigned Queen Station in terms of rail infrastructure and Signalling. James Price indicated in the recent committee meeting that all the plans were now completed and transformation works would start after the transfer was completed (expected 31/03/20)

Queen Street Station forms part of Queen Street South Route Section which has yet to start preliminary design. The information requested is not available at this time.

## **Proposed new lines**

4. I would like to request the detailed map of the new proposed lines in Cardiff. These include The cross rail line (NW Corridor & Bay extension to Newport Rd, plus Central to Bay link) and the Circle line (Coryton to CVL). Please could I also get the proposed timeline of these developments.

TfW does not hold a detailed map of the proposed new lines. The Cross Rail Line and Circle Line is Cardiff Council's aspiration / policy and not currently a TfW commitment. Further details will be with Cardiff Council and in the recently issued <a href="White Paper">White Paper</a> which is available from their website. TfW does not currently have any timelines for any infrastructure projects or programmes in Cardiff beyond delivering the CVL transformational programme by end of 2023.



5. I understand some of this maybe subject to change but the Central to Cardiff Bay link was announced to open by 2024 so those details should be pretty advance.
TfW has not announced that it will be opening a Central to Cardiff Bay link by 2024. We do not currently have any commitments for such a link and are in early stages of assessing

its potential both in terms of business case and delivery options.

6. I am aware of this plan <a href="https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Planning/Local-Development-Plan/Documents/Map%20B.pdf">https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Planning/Local-Development-Plan/Documents/Map%20B.pdf</a> showing possible NW corridor routes. If no detailed plans of this section are available from TFW can you confirm which of the routes shown is the intended route and phasing (if applicable)

A WelTAG Stage 1 (Strategic Outline Case) study is currently ongoing for the NW Corridor broadly covering the area of Pontyclun/ Beddau to Cardiff Central. This is considering all public transport options to see if there is a case for any to proceed to the next stage (WelTAG 2 or Outline Business Case). If the NW Corridor proceeds to WelTAG 2, there will be an opportunity for public and stakeholder consultation on the shortlisted options. We do not currently know when this will take place as it depends on the outcome of WelTAG Stage 1, funding availability and priorities.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Transport for Wales.

Yours sincerely

**Transport for Wales**