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Freedom of Information Request

We are writing in response to your Freedom of Information request. Your request has been considered in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act and our information access policy.

You asked for the following information:

"I wonder if you could give me an update on the schedule for introduction of the new tram trains. The 2022 date below seems very optimistic given the amount of engineering work to be carried out. I'm also interested in how the transition between the 2 types of train is going to be carried out given the difference in passenger access heights"

Having reviewed your questions, we are able to provide the following information:

The 2022 introduction of the first of the new Metro fleets is acknowledged as a challenging timescale and the programme for the transformation has suffered as a result of Covid-19, however the exact impact of this has not yet been quantified. In light of this, we are unable to provide the schedule for the introduction of the new tram trains at this time.

The new Metro fleets being supplied by Stadler are designed to have level boarding at 'standard' height platforms as found across the CVL (Core Valleys Lines) network. There will be some stations that require work to adjust platform heights so they align with the new fleet and this is factored into the planned civil engineering works.

We hope this information is of use to you.

Yours sincerely,

Transport for Wales