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Dear Councillor Evans

I am bringing to your attention my intention to introduce changes from April this year to transport grant funding currently allocated to Regional Transport Consortia in Wales.

Next financial year the Regional Transport Consortia Grant and Regional Transport Services Grant will cease. Future funding will be in the form of Road Safety Grant, Local Transport Fund and Bus Services Support Grant and these will be allocated directly to local authorities. In the case of Local Transport Fund, this will be allocated on a competitive basis and local authorities will be allowed to submit applications on a joint basis.

The change will mean that there will be no requirement on Regional Transport Consortia to oversee projects being funded or to co-ordinate activities arising from funding provided.

I will be asking the City Region Boards to advise on priorities in their areas and this will form part of the assessment of applications.

Funding provided for Consortia administrative services will also cease and I am giving separate consideration to the future funding arrangements for Travel Plan Co-ordinators and will confirm the proposed arrangements shortly.

I understand that these proposals will impact on the role played by Regional Transport Consortia but I hope you will appreciate these changes are being introduced to drive better value for money and bring greater benefits from our future transport investments in Wales.

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