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Dear Jess

West Midlands Safer Travel Plan

I write to update you on the progress of the Safer Travel Plan following your letter of 16 July 2013 and thank you for the recommendations and observations that you sent through.

Following the consideration of the draft Plan at the Police and Crime Panel on 24 June 2013 it was then reviewed by the Strategic Policing and Crime Board the following week however, at that point, we had yet to receive the Panel's official comments for inclusion.

During the summer the Safer Travel Team at Centro has undertaken further consultation with user groups and operators and has incorporated this feedback along with your comments. The resultant plan was considered at the Strategic Policing and Crime Board on 3 September 2013. The content of the Plan has been agreed but with the acknowledgment that the final agreement of the Plan will be by the Integrated Transport Authority (ITA) on 9 September. I have met with Cllr McNicholas, Chair of the ITA, to clarify this position.

At the ITA I will ensure that its members are also aware of the static road spend camera pilot that West Midlands Police are working on with Birmingham City and Solihull Metropolitan Borough Councils as this is currently not reflected in the Plan.

Subject to agreement at the ITA it is anticipated that the Plan will be launched in October with the participation of partners and members of the Panel are more than welcome to participate with the launch.

Should you require a further update on the Safer Travel Plan please contact myself or my Office.

Yours

Bob Jones
Police and Crime Commissioner