

**Support number** ..... **SU03**  
Supporter's Name ..... William Mateer  
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TransportNI has considered the correspondence in the above communication and responds as follows:

**1. I write to support the upgrading of the Nelson Street/M2/M2/Westlink traffic system.**

**This major investment in the infrastructure of the city is long overdue and will be welcomed by the vast majority of the travelling public.**

**Belfast has lagged behind for many years in good traffic management systems and this new project would not only help commuters on a daily basis but would be good for trade, industry and investment.**

**The sooner the DOE get the go ahead for these works the better!!**

- a) TransportNI notes your email of 30 January 2015 and welcomes your support of the Proposed Scheme.

Construction Programme

- b) It is anticipated that the scheme would require a minimum period of just over 3 years (38 months) to construct, subject to the advance completion of service diversion works or advance placement of service diversion Orders with the relevant utility providers. Based on the current programme, TransportNI expects construction works to commence in Autumn 2017, subject to successful progression of the Statutory Orders procedures (including Public Inquiry), availability of funding, and detailed economic appraisal. On this basis, the scheme could be completed by late 2020.

- c) We would thank-you once again for your interest in this scheme.

DRD TransportNI  
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02 October 2015