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Dear operator,

Notice that the Combined Authority intends to make an Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme for West Yorkshire

This is a notice to confirm that the West Yorkshire Combined Authority intends to proceed with making an Enhanced Partnership (EP) Plan and Scheme for the region's bus system.

An EP is a legal arrangement between a transport authority and all qualifying local operators to work together to improve local bus services, and places new requirements on all parties concerning the delivery of these services.

The EP Plan and Scheme work towards delivering the Combined Authority's [Bus Service Improvement Plan](#) (BSIP) which sets out an ambitious vision and targets for buses in West Yorkshire. Specifically, the EP Plan and Scheme includes:

- The West Yorkshire BSIP's vision, objectives, and strategic approach to delivering a **'safe and inclusive bus service'**; **'better connected communities'**; and **'supporting decarbonisation and integrated, sustainable travel'**.
- The ambition to deliver a range of outputs and outcomes across six key workstreams, subject to appropriate funding and resource, that will **work to improve local bus services for all passengers** – these are detailed in Appendix B.
- **The provision of specified facilities and assets to support bus priority and improved bus services on the A61 (South)**, from Hunslet Road / South Accommodation Road junction to A639 Wakefield Road / Queen Street junction – which will serve as a template to contractualise all existing and future bus priority infrastructure schemes across the region.

Details of the full Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme can be found at: <insert website>. It is not intended that the Combined Authority will modify the Plan or Scheme at this time.

The Combined Authority would like to thank all operators for their engagement and collaboration to date throughout the development of this EP Plan and Scheme. We look forward to continuing to work with you in this spirit to ensure the ongoing delivery of services and wider transformation of the local bus network for the benefit of West Yorkshire's travelling public.

Yours faithfully,

Dave Pearson, Director of Transport and Property Services