

# Information Pack



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## **Glasgow Crossrail Appraisal and Economic Case**

### **Summary**

The *Glasgow Crossrail Appraisal and Economic Case* has been produced by independent transport consultancy Faber Maunsell for SPT. The study was conducted in order to meet the demands of the Scottish Government's STAG (Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance) framework.

Published earlier this year, and approved by the SPT partnership, the report indicates that more than four million passengers are predicted to use new stations at West Street, Gorbals and Glasgow Cross if Glasgow Crossrail becomes a reality.

The study also shows more than three million passengers would use the Glasgow Cross station at High Street alone, making it a potential 'hub' of the interchange. Other figures from the research show that the implementation of Crossrail would add £1.06bn to the Scottish economy over the costed period of 60 years.

### **Major Benefits**

The scheme makes sense for a number of economic and social reasons:

- Crossrail Glasgow will help boost the economy of the Glasgow city region by introducing new routes to a network already currently running at capacity in many areas.
- The new services will help cut road congestion and the associated costs to business, as well as potentially making Glasgow Airport, Edinburgh Airport and Prestwick International more accessible and making business travel much easier.
- Crossrail Glasgow will also help meet the objective of reducing car use by joining up journeys between the Subway and Park and Ride
- Crossrail will integrate the Glasgow Clyde Gateway, the Clyde Waterfront and Ayrshire into the national rail network – areas which have been highlighted as a national priority for regeneration.
- This scheme could also be delivered by the time the Commonwealth Games come to Glasgow in 2014.



## **Background to Crossrail Glasgow**

### **What is Crossrail Glasgow?**

Crossrail Glasgow is the missing piece in Scotland's rail jigsaw. The scheme will allow many rail journeys to travel directly over the Clyde eliminating the need to change trains in Glasgow city centre. At present, there are no direct rail routes running from the southwest to the northeast of the city. Crossrail Glasgow will allow these travel options to become a reality, enabling direct services to potentially run from East Kilbride, Barrhead, Kilmarnock and Ayrshire to the north of Glasgow and beyond.

It will provide benefits not only to those using the Strathclyde suburban rail network, but also to passengers from across Scotland who would benefit from better rail connections and improved journey times to many destinations.

The railway in the west of Scotland is reaching capacity, despite there being growing demand for rail travel. The latest figures show the Glasgow Suburban rail network accounts for 786 million rail passenger kilometres a year, with demand for rail expected to grow by around three percent per year. Crossrail Glasgow can help provide a solution to capacity issues by allowing new routes for additional trains to run on. The bonus of the SPT scheme is that it is relatively simple, modest in cost, and can be constructed quickly.

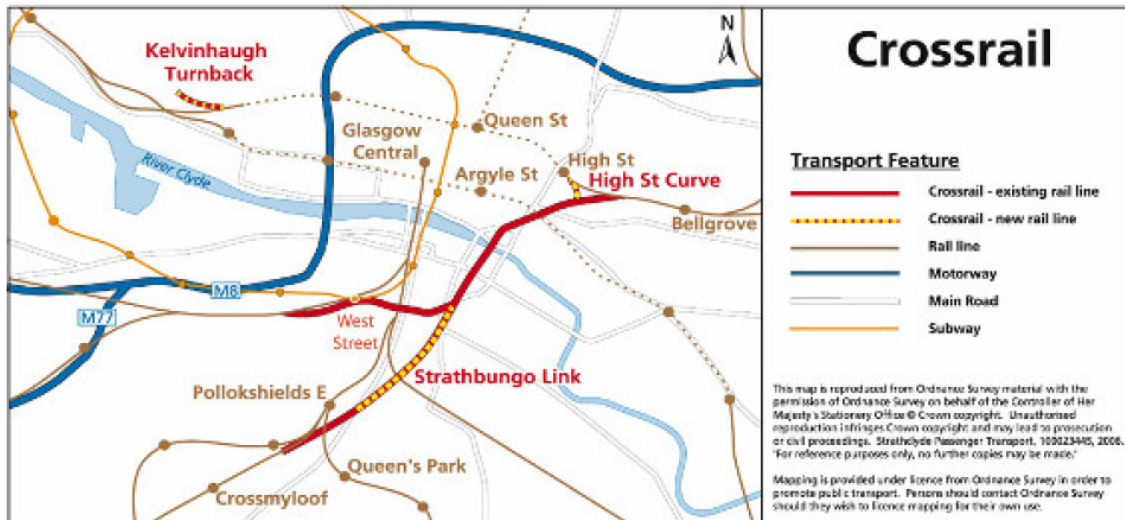
### **Does it connect Queen Street and Central Stations?**

Crossrail Glasgow will not directly link Glasgow's Queen Street and Central stations. It links the routes which run to and from these stations, providing a new line across the Clyde. To access the city centre passengers will use a new hub station which will be created at Glasgow Cross. An independent report from transport consultants Faber Maunsell predicts three million passengers would use this station per year - making it the fourth busiest railway station in Scotland.

There will also be new stations at West Street and the Gorbals.

Other measures involve:

- Investing in signalling and the electrification of rail services to deliver faster journey times and better reliability
- Laying just under 2km of new track to connect the rail lines in the north and south of the city
- Upgrading and restoring 3.5km of track
- Building new sidings at Kelvinhaugh to the west of the city centre



### What new routes will Crossrail create?

It's too early to say exactly which destinations trains will run to and from. However, Crossrail Glasgow will close the "missing link" in Scotland's National Rail network. It will therefore allow services to potentially travel direct from South Glasgow and Southern Scotland to Edinburgh, Central Scotland and the North, and vice-versa.

The scheme will also make it easier to travel from many more departure points directly to Glasgow International and Prestwick International airports.

### How much will it cost?

The latest estimate shows that Crossrail Glasgow will cost between £115m and £187m based on 2005 prices.



## **Support for Crossrail Glasgow**

### **Political Supporters**

The well-established Cross Party Group in the Scottish Parliament overwhelmingly supports the new report into Crossrail Glasgow. The group of MSPs come from all political parties, showing the widespread support the scheme has. Many other MSPs, MPs, and councillors have also pledged their support for the scheme at political party conferences and on the website at [www.crossrailglasgow.com](http://www.crossrailglasgow.com).

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### **Business and Tourism Supporters**

Crossrail Glasgow will provide vital connections for the economic hub of the West of Scotland. Studies show almost half of workers in the Glasgow City Council area travel from outside the city boundary to their workplace each day, and more and more workers are willing to travel further. As road congestion worsens and the current rail network reaches capacity, Crossrail will be vital in providing new and alternative travel-to-work options. This is why major business leaders are calling for early approval of the scheme.

Crossrail is essential to keep Glasgow competitive and to ensure that the transport structure is in place to support Glasgow and the west of Scotland's ambitious employment growth plans. It will do this by providing businesses with better access to potential employees, as well as creating direct employment during construction.

The scheme will also allow easier access to the city region's colleges, universities, shopping centres and business parks. With increased connections to both Glasgow and Prestwick International airports from across Scotland, business travel by air will be much easier. Crossrail will improve links between routes going into both Glasgow Central and Queen Street stations which will save time and improve reliability.



## Lend your support

The Crossrail Glasgow proposals need your support. We want to ensure that the Scottish Executive quickly approves and funds the plans so that the new services can be delivered on time and for a modest price.

You can support Crossrail in a number of ways:

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- 2. Write or e-mail your local MSP and ask them to support Crossrail Glasgow**  
You can find out who your MSP is by visiting [www.scottish.parliament.uk/msp](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/msp)
- 3. Fill in the supporter's form (feel free to photocopy for your friends) below and send to:**

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