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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your time this week. To summarise the points we discussed:

- National Highways intend to carry out major work to the Prince of Wales (PoW) bridge in summer 2024.
- The work will involve resurfacing and replacing the waterproofing of the cable-stayed centre section of the bridge.
- The scheme is currently in development, and all details contained herein are subject to change.
- Construction of the scheme is **currently** scheduled to begin on 8th July and last for 12 weeks.
- Traffic management will likely involve a contraflow and lane closures which will restrict capacity. The switches for the contraflow can't be installed on the bridge itself, which is likely to mean that the switch on the western side will need to be installed on SWTRA's network.
- The reduced capacity of the PoW bridge will require active "demand management" – encouraging traffic to use the M48 during busier periods – to mitigate disruption.
- As the M48 is required to maintain traffic capacity across the Severn, our work must be delivered in the summer to avoid the risk of weather-related closures on the Severn Bridge.
- The demand management will require the use of Travel Time VMS to encourage to use the quieter route.

Obviously there will be a lot for our respective organisations to work through in the coming months. At this stage, any support you can give with the following would be gratefully appreciated:

- Arrangements for the M48 between J2 and M4 J23 (both directions) to be kept clear of any works between July and October inclusive to limit disruption to road users.
- Agreement for National Highways to install temporary VMS between J24 and J23A and/or J23A and J23 on the eastbound carriageway to assist with demand management.
- Agreement in principle for National Highways to install traffic management east of J23A on SWTRA's network where required to facilitate the contraflow – NB this may have already been discussed between our respective teams.

I hope this information is of use, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at this stage.

Kind regards,

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