Case Study

Nottingham Express Transit (NET)

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Project Description

Nottingham Express Transit (NET) Phase Two involves building two new lines, to Clifton and Chilwell to extend Nottingham's tramway. The expanded tram network will better connect to the redeveloped Nottingham Railway Station as well as connecting key destinations including employment sites, the Queens Medical Centre and the University of Nottingham, as well as junctions 24 and 25 of the M1.

Partnerships

Promoted by Nottingham City Council, NET Phase Two is a design, build, operate, maintain and finance PFI project, awarded to Tramlink Nottingham in December 2011. The six members of this consortium are Vinci Construction, Alstom, Keolis, Wellglade, Meridiam Infrastructure and Infravia.

Budget

Central government is providing approximately 66% of the estimated £570m (net present value) cost (through the PFI) arrangement, and the remaining 34% is coming from Nottingham City Council, mainly through the Workplace Parking Levy (WPL). The WPL is a charge on employers based in the city that provide 11 or more car parking places for employees.

Project Aims and Key Benefits

- Improve accessibility, support economic growth and regeneration.
- Generate construction work opportunities for local companies and people, as well as stimulating the local economy to generate long term employment growth of up to 8,000 jobs.
- Provide a sustainable alternative to the car for many journeys in order to tackle congestion, particularly on the strategic road network including the A453 and A52, and contribute to an
integrated public transport system in Greater Nottingham and make changing between different forms of transport easier.

**Highlights and Achievements**

Following a public inquiry in 2007, the Secretary of State for Transport approved the Nottingham Express Transit (NET) Order in June 2009. Construction began in December 2011 and the expanded system is expected to be open in the first half of 2015.

**Key Areas of Learning**

- Stakeholder engagement and managing a PFI concession contract through the design and construction period.
- How long some of the construction work in the most congested locations would actually take.