

Statement

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David Russ, Managing Director of the South Wales Chamber, commenting on Wales' first five-year transport plan:

“The main artery running through Wales and the gateway to Wales is constantly clogged with traffic jam after traffic jam and this is not good news for business.

“What we would have liked to have seen, in WAGs five year proposal, are measures in place to aid in the reduction of traffic in the form of the M4 relief road. However, we do support the continuation of providing freight facilities grants to support the transfer of freight from road to rail.

“One thing that is disappointing in this document is the lack of attention for the need of high speed rail. The document outlines this is something that will be explored beyond 2015 which is an inadequate period of time – particularly when we have submitted a case for the need of high speed rail in Wales in a British Chamber of Commerce document to Westminster.

“It would have also been beneficial for Wales to have a review of the toll prices integrated into this proposal. Businesses need them frozen if not reduced especially for hauliers.”

“We require a national infrastructure plan for all devolved Government on issues relating to improvements of key rails and roads and this is why we have launched our National Recovery Plan for Wales to tackle some of these issues facing business in Wales.”

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