

**PRESS RELEASE**

Trafnidiaeth Canolbarth Cymru (TraCC) submitted its first Regional Transport Plan (RTP) to the Welsh Assembly Government in September 2009. The RTP was prepared in accordance with Assembly Government guidance and is the product of extensive consultation, listening to the views and ideas of stakeholders, partners and the public.

Trafnidiaeth Canolbarth Cymru (TraCC) is the local authority Regional Transport Consortium for the Mid Wales Region and is a partnership between the three Mid Wales local authorities of Ceredigion, Gwynedd and Powys. The RTP is a statutory plan which sets out an integrated and sustainable transport strategy for Mid Wales and is a bidding document to Government with a Five Year Programme for Capital investment to commence in April 2010.

The TraCC RTP was approved by the Minister for Economy and Transport in December 2009 and following submission of the Capital programme for 2010/11, the Chair of TraCC, County Councillor Ray Quant, has received confirmation of the availability of funding up to £3.014 Million. This settlement represents a 13.7% share for TraCC of the funding made available to the four regional transport partnerships in Wales for their RTPs.

The Capital funding will allow the three Mid Wales local authorities to progress a number of important schemes and projects that will deliver integrated, sustainable and healthier forms of transport and travel. Projects approved for funding by the Minister include improvements to waiting and interchange facilities at the bus and rail stations in Aberystwyth, new cycle and walking routes and cycle parking facilities at a number of locations across Mid Wales, design and preparatory work to replace the existing Pont Briwet road and rail bridge at Penrhyndeudraeth, a Community Transport Capital Enhancement Grant Programme, regional promotion of sustainable travel and preparatory work for projects to go ahead in 2011/12 and beyond.

County Councillor Ray Quant, TraCC Chair welcomed the announcement *'This is very good and welcome news for all of us here in Mid Wales and is a reward for the hard work that has gone on within TraCC and by a number of stakeholders and partners in support of TraCC. This is on top of other exciting news about the designation of Aberystwyth as a Sustainable Travel Centre and other announcements regarding funding for Safe Routes in Communities and local bus services.'*

TraCC organised a meeting of its Regional Transport Stakeholder Forum on 16<sup>th</sup> April in Aberystwyth to share the good news with a broad cross-section of key stakeholders and interested parties and to hear presentations on the development of a first TraCC Rail Strategy and passenger transport interchanges, Aberystwyth Sustainable Travel Centre, community transport and Assembly Government future plans for the TrawsCambria longer distance bus and coach network.

More information about TraCC and the RTP is available on the TraCC website at:

[www.tracc.gov.uk](http://www.tracc.gov.uk).

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Trafnidiaeth Canolbarth Cymru (TraCC) is the local authority Regional Transport Consortium for the Mid Wales Region. TraCC is made up of the counties of Ceredigion, Powys and part of Gwynedd (the former Meirionnydd district) and includes parts of the Snowdonia and Brecon Beacons national parks. TraCC seeks to work together with partners to deliver improvements to the transport system in Mid Wales.

TraCC has a Board (Joint Committee) made up of six county councillors (two from each local authority) and is currently chaired by Cllr Ray Quant (Borth, Ceredigion). The next Board meeting (which is open to the public) is to take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2010. More information about TraCC and the RTP is available on the TraCC website at: [www.tracc.gov.uk](http://www.tracc.gov.uk), by emailing TraCC at [enquiries@tracc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@tracc.gov.uk), writing to TraCC at Canolfan Rheidol, Rhoddfa Padarn, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 3UE, or telephoning 01970 633431.