

# Bike and Rail – Spokes public meeting

## ScotRail Alliance



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# Some background



- ScotRail run for 10 years by FirstGroup
- Invitation to Tender for new franchise issued January 2014
- Includes most internal Scottish rail services, but Caledonian Sleeper split into separate franchise
- Abellio announced as winner October 2014
- Diverse network
  - dense suburban network in central belt, especially Strathclyde
  - inter-city routes connecting key cities
  - long rural routes

# Who are Abellio?



- International arm of Nederlandse Spoorwegen (NS) – Dutch National Railways
- Established 2001 in response to liberalisation of European rail networks
- Runs rail franchises in Germany and several in the UK, including Greater Anglia, and Merseyrail (in partnership with Serco)
- Also run local bus and tram networks in The Netherlands through Abellio Nederland, and within the UK in London and Surrey

# Abellio operations



# The winning bid – some key commitments



- **ScotRail Alliance** – bringing together Abellio ScotRail and infrastructure operator Network Rail to work as one operator under one brand
- New electric trains, to compliment EGIP project – running:
  - Glasgow to Edinburgh via Falkirk
  - Glasgow/Edinburgh to Stirling/Dunblane/Alloa
- Much improved offering on inter-city routes
  - HSTs with dedicated First Class carriage, more capacity and improved catering
  - Faster inter-city journey times
- Significant station improvements at Aberdeen, Stirling, Perth, Motherwell, Inverness
- New “TicketPlus” and “To Go” kiosks
- Smart ticketing
- New scenic trains with refurbished carriages
- Comprehensive plans on transport integration – on which more to follow....

# New Hitachi trains



*“Our intention is that ScotRail will play a key role in delivering a truly joined up national transport network”*

## Key initiatives:

- Major expansion of cycle parking and cycle hire at stations
- Cross-modal customer information screens at 30 key stations
- Station Travel Plans for at least 30 stations
- Cab & Go service for at least 40 stations
- Electric car charging bays in at least 50 station car parks
- Journey Companion app offering door to door travel information
- Improved wayfinding signage at 10 stations
- PlusBus and Glasgow Subway available on smart – with more to follow



# Cycling initiatives

- 3,500 additional cycle parking spaces in 3 years
- Bike & Go cycle hire scheme – at least 10 stations
- Harnessing smartcard for secure cycle storage and cycle hire
- Partnership working with Sustrans, Cycling Scotland and local authorities to maximise reach of our investment
- “Cycling is smart” promotional campaign – to encourage functional cycling
- On-train cycle spaces will continue to be available – no peak time restrictions
- Continuation of the ScotRail Cycle Forum
- Annual Scottish-Dutch cycling conference
- Cycle Innovation Plan – now available at Transport Scotland website





# Cycle storage facilities

Category	Level	Stations
	premium security parking free parking in tiered racks staffed facility (provided by commercial partner) retail and maintenance Bike & Go Hire service general cycling advice	Category 1 stations: Glasgow Central, Haymarket, Stirling
	secure compound parking key-fob or biometric access free air pumps and spares free parking in tiered racks CCTV coverage of all areas option for Bike & Go hire	Category 1 stations: Dundee, Inverness, Aberdeen, Perth, Glasgow Queen Street
	open access parking, either two-tier racks or Sheffield stands cycle racks covered wherever feasible CCTV coverage	First phase: 39 stations



# Bike & Go

- Rent for a full day; £3.80
- No docking stations, just lock securely
- At least 10 stations
- Second station became operational today here in Edinburgh



# Key planks of our approach to cycle parking



Partnership working – metal on the ground isn't enough!

- Selecting the correct stations to maximise impact
- Complement other investments by third parties – eg. improved cycling infrastructure on station approach roads
- Well sited facilities within stations – visible, bright, CCTV etc.

Change can happen!

- At Merseyrail, increased bike access mode share from 8 to 22% in 4 years

# Our vision for travelling in Scotland



- Significantly more travel on foot, bikes and public transport instead of private car
- Fares and tickets, including smartcard, accepted across all modes of transport
- Customers can access information easily about their entire door-to-door journey
- Stations are easy to navigate and rail, bus and ferry services offer good, reliable connections
- Safe and secure facilities at stations for bikes
- Customers able to complete their onward journey with confidence, using a mix of local bus, taxis, cycles and safe, pleasant walking routes

Thank you



any questions?