

# CPT Scotland Conference 2023 – Progress Through Partnership

# October 2nd & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Glasgow Hilton Hotel, G3 8HT

Scotland's bus and coach sectors are currently working to overcome the lasting impacts of the pandemic and the more recent challenges borne from the cost-of-living crisis. Challenges including suppressed travel demand, rising operational costs, limited public sector resources, worsening congestion, and the slow recovery of passenger confidence.

However, the need to provide an accessible, affordable, and attractive network of bus and coach services remains critical.

How do we collectively surmount these challenges, generate passenger growth, and unlock the many benefits associated with bus and coach travel? What roles should local, regional and national government play? How do operators make their case for supportive policy and generate political will?

Progress through Partnership aims to tackle these questions through two days of engagement, networking, ad debate, with a programme designed to bring in views from across the spectrum of stakeholders involved in bus and coach.

This is a conference for all with an interest or role to play in public transport provision. The clearest path to progression and improvement is partnership. CPT Scotland hopes you will be able to join us.



### **Monday 2 October**

### 1145-1300:

**Networking Lunch and Registration** 

### 1300-1310:

**CPT Scotland Chair Opens Conference Duncan Cameron:** Managing Director, First Bus Scotland

### 1310-1340:

### **Ministerial Address**

Fiona Hyslop MSP: Scottish Government Minister for Transport

### 1340-1425:

### A Shared Vision for Scotland's Buses

Fiona Doherty: CPT Scotland Vice-Chair, MD Stagecoach West Scotland Alison Irvine: Interim Transport Scotland Chief Executive Tim Gaston: ex-Director of Public Transport Services, National Transport Authority (NTA)

Cllr Angus Millar: Convener for Climate, Glasgow Green Deal, Transport and City Centre Recovery, Glasgow City Council

### 1425-1445:

### **Public Health and Public Transport**

Dr Margaret Douglas: Consultant in Public Health, Public Health Scotland and Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer, University of Glasgow

### 1445-1515:

Tea & Coffee Break

### 1515-1600:

### **Designing City Spaces**

Catherine De Marco OBE: Partnerships Director, First Bus Martin MacPhail: Director, MacPhail's Coaches

Stuart Patrick CBE: Chief Executive, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce Cllr Scott Arthur: Convener for Transport and Environment, City of Edinburgh

Council



### 1600-1645

### **Redefining Accessibility**

**Sarah Boyd:** Managing Director, Lothian Buses **Valerie Davidson:** Chief Executive, SPT

John Lauder: ex-Deputy CEO, Sustrans

Lesley MacInnes: Committee Member, Mobility and Access Committee for

Scotland

### 1645-1655:

CPT Scotland Chair Day One Closing Remarks

Duncan Cameron: Managing Director, First Bus Scotland



### **Tuesday 3 October**

## 0900-1000 Networking Tea & Coffee

### 1000-1010

CPT Scotland Chair Day Two Welcome

Duncan Cameron: Managing Director, First Bus Scotland

### 1010-1055

**Decarbonising Scotland's Buses and Coaches** 

**Paul White:** Director, CPT Scotland **Andrew Luckett**, Director, BluMarbl

**Morna Cannon**, Interim Director – Low Carbon Economy, Transport Scotland **Julia Meek**, Director of Business Development and Marketing, Zenobe

### 1055-1115

**Traffic Commissioner's Address** 

Claire Gilmore: Traffic Commissioner for Scotland

### 1115-1145

Tea & Coffee Break

### 1145-1230

### **Engaging with Our Audiences**

Sara Collier: Public Affairs Manager, CPT Scotland
David Sidebottom: Director, Transport Focus
L-J Burrell, Economic Advisor, Department for Transport

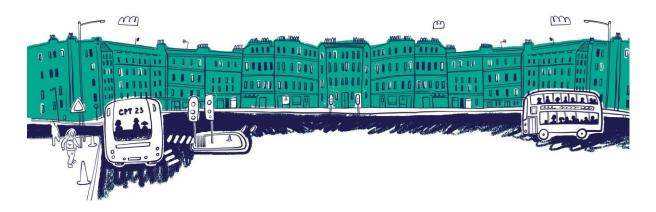
### 1230-1315

In Conversation with Brent Toderian

### 1315-1325

**CPT Scotland Chair Closes Conference** 

**Duncan Cameron:** Managing Director, First Bus Scotland



1325-1430 Networking Lunch