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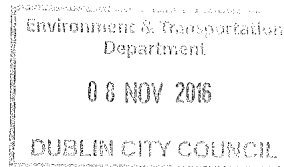
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Dear Mr Hickey

On behalf of the Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport, Shane Ross, T.D., I would like to thank you for your letter setting out the motion agreed at Dublin City Council's Transportation Strategic Policy Committee meeting of 29th June, 2016, "to 'future proof' all new Luas rolling stock so that it is capable of being fitted with self-driving software." The contents of the motion have been brought to the Minister's attention. I would like to apologise for the delay in responding to your correspondence.

The implementation and development of infrastructure projects in the Greater Dublin Area (GDA), such as Luas Light rail projects, comes under the remit of the NTA. I understand that the NTA are developing two complementary projects to cater for increased capacity issues on the Green Line. The projects – (1) Green Line Infrastructure Upgrade and (2) Green Line Capacity Enhancement involve the lengthening of Green Line stop platforms as well as the purchase of additional trams to meet future demand arising from the Luas Cross City project. An order for the new Luas trams, which will be compatible with the existing infrastructure, was placed in November 2015.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Smith
Private Secretary to Minister Ross

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