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CABINET STATEMENT

TITLE: TRANSPORT GRANT

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BY: Councillor Eudine Hanagan, Cabinet Member for Better Public Services and Transport

I wish to update Members on the outcome of the Council's recent bid to the Welsh Assembly Government for Transport Grant for the year 2007/08 and 2008/09.

As many of you will have read in the press, on Monday, we received confirmation of Transport Grant funding for the Church Village Bypass.

The announcement included £1M to appoint a contractor this year to kick start preparatory work and further value engineering of the scheme plus confirmation of over £30M for 2008/09 to start construction in Spring 2008.

Together with local Assembly Member Jane Davidson, the Leader and I have made strong representation to the Minister to ensure we received this important funding.

This is very good news for Church Village and the wider transport infrastructure of Rhondda Cynon Taf and South Wales as a whole.

In the transport grant announcement we also received funding for completion of the Porth Relief Road (£2.8M).

Over £20M for rail services, with £2.72M allocated to complete the construction of the new station at Llanharan, where myself, the Minister for Transport, Andrew Davies AM, Janice Gregory AM and Councillor Hopkins cut the first sod on Monday.

We received £4.2M to complete the construction of the platform extensions on the Treherbert line and £13.9 to continue the Pontypridd to Merthyr Tydfil service enhancements.

An additional £0.5M has been allocated for the Porth Bus/Rail Interchange.

We also received £0.3M to introduce 'Safe Routes to School' schemes at Hendreforgan Primary, Darrenlas Primary and Cymmer schools and I will be writing to local Members in these areas in the coming weeks to confirm the details of these schemes.