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hi Gary / Milly

We're pleased to share that Peninsula Transport have agreed to work with TAC CIC and for transparency we've been awarded £15,000 to pilot creative solutions to exploring local transport challenges.

Miranda and I see this as a chance to build on the recently adopted [Arts & Culture Strategy](#) and work collaboratively with local stakeholders - including the Torpoint Town Council.

The delivery approach has been shaped with guidance from Peninsula Transport and focuses on creative, practical activity while building the evidence needed to support longer-term transport opportunities.

The Gateway Project will:

- explore better awareness and use of **existing ferry, bus and community transport services** (working with Tamar Crossings and Go South West)
- improve the **arrival and wayfinding experience at the ferry**, including a creative mural-based intervention
- test **small, event-linked trial journeys** (between Torpoint, Rame and St Germans), working with local community bus providers, to increase understanding and usage (eg. a free pop-up between Torpoint and St Germans during Sunday markets or during Port Eliot events - could be possible).
- gather clear evidence on **barriers, demand and integration issues** through a commissioned story-gatherer, working closely with transport operators where possible
- develop a **practical roadmap for future service development**, informed by a stakeholder group that Miranda will convene

We believe there is a strong opportunity for the Town Council to engage with this work, particularly through participation in the stakeholder group and place-based discussions.

Note I briefly ran through this work with Chris Goodman when she visited 61 Fore Street for the recent exhibition and believe she has been a voice for better transport links for residents.

We're hoping to host an in-person conversation in early March to walk through the project in more detail and explore areas of shared interest.

Thank you again... and in the mean time do think about how the council might connect and support this creative project work.

best wishes

Matthew

on behalf of TAC CIC



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