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**Tolson Welcomes Improved Rail Service Announcement**

Jim Tolson MSP for Dunfermline West welcomed the announcement this week by the Transport Minister, Stewart Stevenson about the improvements to the rail service between Edinburgh, Fife, Dundee and Aberdeen. The announcements were made as part of an event marking the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 'ScotRail' identity for rail services in Scotland.

Jim Tolson commented "An improved service for Fife is good news. Additional services and more seats especially in the morning will help to ease the congestion on the Forth Road Bridge. I have campaigned to have the coal trains routed to Longannet via the Stirling/Alloa line. This is now happening and this has created more capacity on the Forth Bridge as a result.

In my constituency the Fife to Edinburgh service is already a well used service and the passengers will be look forward to these improvements starting in the December. "