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Tolson calls for improvements to public transport facilities at the new Forth Crossing

A commitment has been secured from the Finance Secretary, John Swinney, to engage with Transport Scotland to improve public transport facilities at the new Forth Crossing.

Jim Tolson, MSP for Dunfermline West commented "Following discussions with my colleague, Liberal Democrat Transport spokesperson Alison McInnes, the issue of lack of support from Transport Scotland for developing 'park & choose' measures at Halbeath and Rosyth was raised with John Swinney during Tuesday's Transport Committee meeting.

It is absolutely vital that proper public transport facilities are incorporated into the new Forth Crossing right from the start. This would ensure new travel patterns are 'bedded down' and will assist with the traffic management necessary to tie the new crossing into the existing A90. Making sure these facilities are in place offers excellent value for money and would help in reaching the target of a 42% reduction in carbon emissions by 2020.

Ministers must now press for the introduction of 'park & choose' facilities with Transport Scotland as a matter of urgency."

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