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Our Ref:

Dear Will,

DfT Funding for Innovation: Connected vehicle data – Letter of support for digital inspection system

Manchester City Council is pleased to support the innovation funding application to the Department for Transport (DfT), led by Blackpool Council. We believe that collaboration in this type of project is a very effective use of resources and valuable for benchmarking, learning and innovation across Local Authorities to address common challenges in highway maintenance and utilisation of advances in technology.

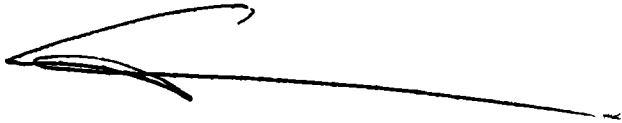
The Council is interested in procuring the benefits of this project through the Blackpool RAMS framework, which is already used by Manchester to carry out condition surveys and associated asset management functions.

An innovative digital inspection system will enable us to increase the efficiency of our current safety inspection regime, as well as reducing costs. Using connected cameras and processing, we can utilise Council and contractor vehicles, including cycles and motorbikes, to improve operational delivery.

Benefits of this system will include better use of resources, more efficient defect repairs and subsequently fewer claims. The project fits in well with our current review of operational delivery processes, looking at improving efficiencies, customer satisfaction and value for money.

As a Tier 2 authority, we are pleased to be able to commit £5,000 to the project funding, if successful.

Yours sincerely,

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Steve Robinson,
Director of Operations (Highways)