

TRANSPORT AND WORKS ACT 1992

THE TRANSPORT AND WORKS (APPLICATIONS AND OBJECTIONS PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND AND WALES) RULES 2006

CARDIFF AND VALLEYS RAILWAYS (TRANSFER) ORDER

CONCISE STATEMENT OF AIMS

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Keolis Amey Wales Cymru Limited is applying for an order under the Transport and Works Act 1992 for a transfer of undertaking from Network Rail Infrastructure Limited to Transport for Wales. This includes a transfer of Network Rail's related statutory powers and responsibilities. The Order also includes provision for TfW to reach agreements for the transferred powers and responsibilities to be exercised by the applicant.
- 1.2 This document is a concise statement of the aims of the Order and has been produced as one of the documents required to be submitted with the application under Rule 10(2)(c) of the Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006.

2. Primary Aim

- 2.1 The primary aim of the Order is to enable Transport for Wales and the applicant to deliver the Welsh Government's South Wales Metro proposals on the core Valley lines linking Cardiff with the Rhondda, Cynon, Taff and Rhymney valleys. The Order will achieve this by giving Transport for Wales and the applicant the necessary statutory powers and responsibilities to carry out the enhancement works needed for the South Wales Metro.
- 2.2 The delivery of the South Wales Metro is intended to **enhance Wales' social and economic prospects by building a more affordable and accessible transport network**. This will connect communities, businesses and people to jobs, leisure facilities and services, supporting wider regeneration in Wales.



- 2.3 This primary aim of the Order is consistent with the five Sustainable Development Principles set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

3. Further Aims

- 3.1 The Order, by enabling the South Wales Metro proposals, is also intended to meet other goals:
- **Reduce overall journey times** by providing faster and more frequent services and better interchanges between modes.
 - **Encourage more people to travel by train than by private vehicles**, by offering new and improved passenger services.
 - **Improve accessibility and compliance with the Equalities Act 2010** by coordinating services and improving station design.
 - **Reduce transport's contribution to climate change**, reducing emissions through lower road vehicle use.