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Please pass as my
Thanks to Lynda.
cc Leader

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Chief Executive

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The 2012 Olympic Torch Relay has now reached its successful conclusion after 70 days and almost 8,000 miles of travel. During that time the Transport Coordination Centre has had the responsibility of reporting on the national transportation position, with particular reference to the Torch Relay and its impact.

In order to effectively undertake this role we based four Transport Liaison Officers with the Torch Relay as it progressed around the country. This process was developed shortly before the arrival of the Torch in the United Kingdom and therefore timescales and the ability to provide information to you in advance were limited. Your ability to make arrangements at short notice is a credit to your staff and the flexibility of your plans.

The Torch Relay has been seen to be a great success, with a much higher level of public attendance and support than was initially anticipated. There were the minimum of issues, which were mainly around weather conditions and the large crowd numbers which necessitated an increase in stewarding and policing. It has proven an ideal precursor to the Games and has ensured that media reporting and the public viewpoint of London 2012 and Transport has been very positive.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff on behalf of the Olympic Delivery Authority and the Department for Transport for providing a warm welcome for the TLOs, identifying accommodation within your control centre and permitting them to attend your briefing sessions. Your support gave them the opportunity to be involved in your local discussions, allowing them to assimilate the relevant local information and contribute lessons learned from previous days.

The Transport Liaison Officers would particularly like to thank Lynda Deane for her additional assistance. Her contribution ensured that particular issues could be resolved and permit the smooth running of the Torch Relay. I would be grateful if she could be made aware of this letter and our thanks.

Transport has been seen to work effectively during the Torch Relay and it has provided an excellent basis upon which the Olympic and Paralympic Games can operate. The information provided through the Department of Transport and the Government Olympic Committee Secretariat has been seen as effective and is itself providing an excellent position upon which Games times reporting can be based.

Undoubtedly this would not have been the case if it were not for the support and assistance you and your staff provided.

Yours sincerely



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