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## PRESS RELEASE

# SACYR COMPLETES CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW EDINBURGH TRAMS LINE CONTINUATION

- The project, with a £207 million (€240 million) investment, was completed on time and within budget.
- The continuation improves connectivity between the city center with Newhaven district to the North of Edinburgh and will serve an estimate of 16 million passengers every year.

**Edinburgh (United Kingdom), June 7, 2023.-** Today, the Council of Edinburgh has opened the continuation of the tram line connecting the city center to Newhaven district. The project was developed by the SFN joint venture, led by Sacyr in partnership with Farrans.

Awarded by Edinburgh Trams, the contract included the design, construction, and commissioning, with a total investment of **£207 million (€240 million)**.

The continuation of the line spans for **2.69 miles (4.7 km) across eight new stops** and will provide a greener transport option to one of the most densely populated areas of Edinburgh. Improved connectivity will attract greater economic development, business, job creation and tourism to Leith and Newhaven districts.

In estimate, nearly 16 million people will use the tram every year.

**María Ortega**, Project manager for Sacyr Engineering and Infrastructure, highlighted the major challenges that the JV has overcome: “The JV has adapted and overcome unprecedented challenges at a global scale: the COVID-19 pandemic, Brexit, the war in Ukraine. We are proud of our team and of what we have accomplished together”.

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Development works started in November 2019 and ended on time and within budget. This project has overcome numerous challenges such as the Covid-19 pandemic and the excavation and relocation of the archaeological findings of a set of the original tram wheels that date back to the 19th century.

During works, SFN adopted a best practices approach for community engagements, such as the creation of logistic hubs to help businesses and residents move goods. The JV has managed over 24,500 community engagements and over 75,000 deliveries throughout the duration of the project.

### **Extensive testing phase**

The new tram section has gone through an **extensive testing phase** to ensure the newly constructed line, software and signals work effectively, as well as work to integrate signalling and interface with Edinburgh Trams' control center and driver familiarization with the new route.

### **Growth in the United Kingdom**

The United Kingdom is one of the key home markets for Sacyr in the framework of its 2021-2025 Strategic Plan. The Trams to Newhaven project joins other successful construction projects such as Ulster University in Belfast and the doubling of the A6 between Dungiven and Drumahoe.

Sacyr is currently developing the main works of Belfast Grand Central Station, an infrastructure that will improve national and international connections for Northern Ireland. In July 2022, Sacyr was awarded the contract for Velindre Cancer Center, in Wales, its first P3 project in the United Kingdom.

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