

**COUNCIL**

**10 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**JOINT AUTHORITY QUESTION**

**1. Councillor Walker**

**Transport for Greater Manchester**

**Can the public of Bury be given a firm assurance that, when normal Metrolink tram services resume in the next four (?) months, we will once again be able to enjoy a direct service to and from the Manchester Piccadilly Rail Station?**

(Councillor Noel Bayley to respond)

**A. The current disruption to the Metrolink network is due to improvement work being undertaken at Victoria Station. The reopening of Victoria from single line to twin track working will be a significant step for Metrolink and its users. This will enable the connectivity with a gateway to the city centre and a radically improved station for passenger use. This is scheduled to be completed by winter.**

**Other scheduled improvement works include the introduction of a second city crossing, in order to increase the reliability of the network and increase the potential capacity of units travelling through Manchester City Centre.**

**Connecting Bury with Piccadilly Station directly remains a priority in the service patterns of the Metrolink network.**

**Metrolink and TfGM are committed to reducing and limiting the impact of disruption to passengers through this period of improvements. Other passenger experience improvements include the Greater Manchester Growth Deal increasing the double units on the Bury Metrolink line in the coming years.**