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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL
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Director

Brussels,

Subject: 2008HU161PR003 - „Budapest Metro 4 line I”: Introduction of congestion charge in Budapest

Dear Mr. Szalóki,

During the closure of the 2007-2013 operational programmes the Commission is reviewing the major projects already financed.

In this respect, the Commission decision C(2009)6793 for approval of Metro line 4 mentions the commitment of the Hungarian authorities to introduce a congestion charge for the city of Budapest as proposed in the application for the major project. More exactly the technical description included in the Annex I of the decision of the above-mentioned project states in point 3.6 that:

"In order to achieve the environmental objectives of this project, as required under Article 2 (b) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1084/2006 of 11 July 2006, this project should be realised as part of the Budapest Transport System Development Plan.

In particular, in line with the measures of the Budapest Transport System Development Plan, a congestion charge for acceding the city centre will be introduced in the inner part of the capital by the end of the current programming period (measure 3/4 adopted by the Decree 62/2009. of the Assembly of the Municipality 29th January 2009)."

According to the most recent available information I have, the congestion charge has not yet been implemented in Budapest although the deadline was set for the end of 2007 – 2013 programming period.

With regard the above mentioned and the quickly approaching closure deadlines I would appreciate to receive information on the state of the play of the congestion charge in Budapest as well as the foreseen date for its introduction.

Sincerely yours,

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