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Dear Colleague,

I am writing to inform you of a new agreement between the Secretary of State for Transport and Stagecoach Group in regard to the East Midlands rail franchise.

In order to ensure there is a smooth transition between the existing and the new competitively-tendered franchise expected to start in August 2019, Stagecoach will continue to operate the services on East Midlands Trains until 18 August 2019. If required there is an option to extend this agreement by up to a further six rail periods.

The new agreement provides good value for the taxpayer and Stagecoach has committed to delivering improvements in the forthcoming months by:

- Investing £150,000 on accessibility improvements at Stations.
- Simplifying the application process for Delay Repay

This agreement will ensure a smooth transition from the current operator to the next franchise which is expected to deliver significant passenger benefits including more services and seats across the franchise, in addition to better facilities and further improved accessibility at stations.

As ever, should you have any questions, please do get in touch.

Yours,

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