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Revealed: High speed rail link could be built in Scotland.. BEFORE link north from Manchester

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A HIGH-SPEED train line could be built in Scotland before the completion of the English leg of the railway, Infrastructure Secretary Alex Neil has said.

The minister highlighted findings in a report published today that looked into the potential routes connecting Glasgow and Edinburgh to the line south of the border.

The UK Government has already agreed to work on a line from London to Birmingham as a first phase, but concerns were raised that Scotland will have to wait up to 20 years for detailed consideration.

Neil revealed the findings of the report, drawn up by Scottish Partnership Group (SPG), at a conference in London.

He said: "The latest advice from the SPG suggests that construction in Scotland could begin in the shorter term. We would not be bound by the timings of the legislative processes of the UK Parliament, or by the constraints of proposed phasing of construction in England.

"However, it is essential that we work together in this regard, and that any new line is planned according to the criteria and assumptions directing development in England."

Mr Neil said Scotland should be considered from the start.

"It is not acceptable to consider Scotland's requirements after the hybrid bill stages for London-Birmingham or Birmingham-Manchester and Leeds - that could be an entire generation away," he added.

The report, which was given to ministers yesterday, states: "An opportunity exists for early build of elements of high-speed rail in Scotland.

"Construction of at least some high-speed lines in Scotland need not wait for construction of the high-speed rail network in England to be completed."

It also describes the opportunity for the early delivery of an Edinburgh-Glasgow high-speed connection.

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Airport to city center? hahahaha

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~~type that was another costly waste of money~~ Labour idea just like the Edinburgh trams - all because Glasgow is holding the 2014 Games...a bit much for a few weeks of games eh?

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Thank goodness the SNP are Scotlands majority Government and everyone sees how much better they are than the same old UK waste of space parties are.

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Never mind building anything please untill you fix the roads of my once beautiful capital city.I drove in the city centre today and the roads are nothing short of an

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on the road more they are doing jobs. How can we expect to be taken seriously on the road stage if we cant keep our capital cities roads any beter than some third world

country.The SNP had a very good chance of taken Edinburgh in the council elections

ncms&plckUserId=287267-ncms) know im going to get the "Labour gave us the trams line "but that was years ago and

the project was given a thumbs up by Audit Scotland just before it went to the SNP/LIB D coalition. People through here are sick of the way the council are behaving and lots of people are fed up with them. Anyone who lives in or works in Edinburgh will know what i mean .

Andy Edinburgh

R.I.P Alex Eadie MP

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