<u>First Minister opens Eastern Bay link</u> <u>road</u>

The dual carriageway, which is named after the late engineer and planner, Ewart Parkinson, will improve links to Cardiff Bay, reducing journey times and helping to ease congestion in the city centre.

Ffordd Ewart Parkinson will also boost the local economy by improving access to the Central Cardiff Enterprise Zone and enhancing connectivity across the wider city region.

The road, which was completed by Dawnus Ferrovial Agroman on time and within budget, provided 13 apprenticeships, 2 work experience placements and jobs for 9 graduates and 27 people who were previously long-term unemployed.

First Minister Carwyn Jones said:

"I am delighted to officially open Ffordd Ewart Parkinson, which will provide a major boost to both Cardiff city centre and the Bay. Commuters will benefit from a shorter route and reduced journey times, while local residents will see reduced traffic and disruption in their neighbourhood.

"Improving infrastructure and transport links, reducing journey times and creating jobs has been a long term commitment for my government and this major project is another example of how we are delivering on those promises."

Cllr Caro Wild, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Transport at Cardiff Council, said:

"It is wonderful to see the first phase of the Eastern Bay link road being officially opened this week.

"The new road will greatly improve journey times, ease congestion and connections for motorists and will be a great boost to Cardiff and Cardiff Bay."