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## Press release from AFRY

### AFRY part of alliance to implement section two of Tampere tramway in Finland

The tramway alliance that is currently constructing section one of the new Tampere tramway in Finland will also implement section two of the tramway. In the alliance, City of Tampere and Tampere Tramway Ltd as the commissioner and AFRY, YIT, NRC and Sweco as service providers will work in partnership and as part of a joint project organization to construct section two of the tramway. Tampere city council made a decision on construction of section two on October 19, 2020.

Section two extends the tramway westbound from Tampere city centre. This westbound line will be constructed in two parts, the latter part being subject to a required water fill permit for a new island to be built along the tramway line.

“The decision to continue the tramway strengthens sustainable development of public transportation in Tampere. The Tampere tramway supports the growth and urban development in Tampere. We are very pleased to be able to cooperate with the same experienced and competent alliance partners in the second phase,” says Pekka Sirviö, Managing Director of Tampere Tramway Ltd.

“We are proud to be helping design future transportation solutions in Tampere and contributing to urban development and growth in the city. Trams are an environmentally sustainable and accessible form of transportation in a growing city and an excellent demonstration of how AFRY supports clients advancing sustainable solutions,” says Mikko Inkala, Head of Transport Infrastructure at AFRY in Finland.

AFRY’s assignment covers planning the track, municipal utilities, utility relocation and temporary traffic arrangements, as well as environmental planning. AFRY is also responsible for street, geotechnical and bridge design for several major tram sections in several neighborhoods.

The full length of the Tampere tramway line is 24 kilometres once section two construction has been completed. Public transportation in section one is planned to commence next year. The construction of section two will commence in November 2020 and is planned to be completed in 2024. The alliance partners have already worked together in the development phase of section two, as well as in the development and implementation phases of section one.

The alliance partners are committed to joint targets and costs as per the alliance agreement and will also share responsibilities and risks. The value of the section two project is EUR 112 million in total, which is divided into two parts according to a two-phased construction. The value of the first phase order for AFRY will be entered in the fourth quarter 2020 order stock of the Infra division. The value of the second phase

order for AFRY will be entered in the order stock, approximately by 2022 when it is hoped that the required water fill permit will come to have legal force.

The city council decisions are subject to a two-week appeal period after which the order can be made.

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