

# **TramForward**

## *Campaigning for Light Rail*

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### ***TramForward* WELCOMES LIGHT RAIL NEWS IN MANCHESTER AND BLACKPOOL**

#### **North West progress follows Nottingham developments**

TramForward has welcomed the announcement of funding for the Blackpool Tramway, which will help secure its future as a vital public transport link as well as one of the principal attractions of this major seaside resort. Also welcomed is the funding for refurbishments to Metrolink, which has revolutionised transport in Manchester over the last 15 years.

"We hope that these announcements herald a new understanding by Government of the benefits that light rail can bring to transport in our cities," said Geoff Lusher, deputy chairman of the TramForward's parent body, the Light Rail Transit Association. "These two good news stories for North West England follow the government's positive decision on financing phase 2 of Nottingham Express Transit. TramForward hopes for an early and favourable decision from Ministers following the full public enquiry which concluded last year."

#### **NOTES FOR EDITORS**

1. TramForward is the campaigning arm of the Light Rail Transit Association.
2. The Light Rail Transit Association is the world's leading organisation campaigning for better public transport through light rail, tramway and metro systems in our towns and cities for 70 years. It also supports the revitalisation of suburban and rural transport through the application of light rail.
3. The LRTA acts through its network of local branches, which campaign for better transport in their localities.
4. Membership of the LRTA costs under 12p a day. To join, visit [www.lrta.org](http://www.lrta.org) or write to the Membership Secretary, LRTA, 38 Wolseley Road, Sale, Greater Manchester, M33 7AU. Members of the LRTA receive the monthly magazine *Tramways & Urban Transit* - written and read by experts in the field - and gain other benefits including discounts on videos and books, tours of transport systems and cut-price admission to selected transport sites.
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