

# **TramForward**

## *Campaigning for Light Rail*

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### ***TramForward* WELCOMES INCLUSION OF TRAM-TRAINS IN GOVERNMENT PLANS**

#### **New systems could combine the best of both worlds**

Light rail campaign *TramForward* has warmly welcomed the reference to 'Tram-Trains' in the Rolling Stock Plan for the railways, published by the Department for Transport.

Tram-Trains combine conventional trains' ability to operate over existing railway tracks with operation through city streets, allowing them simultaneously to achieve greater accessibility for people living and working in urban areas and to relieve congestion in the main railway stations of many UK towns and cities.

"Instead of leaving people at a station on the outskirts, Tram-Trains take people right to the heart of the city, where they want to go, in one swoop," said *TramForward*'s Geoff Lusher. "In a number of continental cities, Tram-Train services already bring passengers direct from where they live to the heart of the city, rather than to a station on the periphery of the centre, so they have enormous potential to reduce car use".

#### **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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