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Campaigning for Light Rail

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Sheffield – Rotherham Bus Rapid Transit is a Myth, says *TramForward*

The proposed Sheffield – Rotherham via Meadowhall “Bus Rapid Transit” scheme is not rapid transit at all, according to transport experts, but just an excuse to build a new four-lane road under the M1.

As far as public transport is concerned, all that is proposed are a few new bus lanes, new buses, tarted-up stops and off-vehicle ticketing.

“Whilst these bus improvements are a good idea, they are not rapid transit” said Peter Fox, local spokesman for TramForward. They are in no way a substitute for the original proposal of extending the existing Supertram line from Meadowhall to Rotherham”. In any case, there are already three trains per hour between Sheffield and Rotherham taking only 12 minutes and only five minutes from Meadowhall.

“The Passenger Transport Executive should stick to its original Supertram extension scheme, rejected by the present Government, and resubmit it after the next election”, he said.

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.
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