

# **TramForward**

## *Campaigning for Light Rail*

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### ***TramForward* welcomes new tramway investment**

**"Blackpool will be showcase for old and new urban transport"**

Light rail campaign *TramForward* has warmly welcomed the announcement that £33million is to spent on a brand new fleet of trams for Britain's oldest electric tramway which commenced operation in Blackpool in 1885.

The new-look Blackpool tramway, which will revolutionise the quality of service on completion of track renewal, the construction of a new depot and the delivery of sixteen new trams in 2012, will continue to celebrate its unique place in UK public transport history by retaining a service of heritage trams during the summer period.

"This is excellent news," said Geoff Lusher of *TramForward*. "It will give Blackpool a unique attribute - a truly modern light rail system that is also proud of its heritage. ... "

#### **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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