

# TramForward

## Campaigning for Light Rail

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### *TramForward* celebrates Tramlink's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary

TramForward congratulates London Tramlink on the system's tenth anniversary on 10th May. Tramlink is a 28km system serving South London and centred on Croydon with routes to New Addington, Elmers End, Beckenham Junction and Wimbledon

The official opening took place on 10th May 2000 at New Addington when the route from there to Croydon was opened, the route from Beckenham Junction was opened on 23rd May and, finally, the Wimbledon route on 29th May.

The system was initially operated by Tramtrack Croydon Limited on a 99-year concession but was taken over by Transport for London in June 2008. Since then vehicles have been refurbished, with a new green, white and blue livery replacing the original red and white, and stops have been upgraded.

Tramlink has provided this area of South London with clean and efficient transport for ten years, during which period the number of passengers has grown by an average of 6 per cent per year to reach a current total of 27.2 million passengers per year. There has been a significant shift of passengers from car to tram and the tram has made a major contribution to urban regeneration. In a recent survey, passenger satisfaction with Tramlink rated 86%, a higher figure than for other transport modes operated by Transport for London.

During Tramlink's ten-year existence, a number of extensions to the system have been proposed but these have since been dropped from the Mayor of London's transport strategy. Geoff Lusher, Chairman of the Light Rail Transit Association, said that TramForward would continue to press for the expansion of Tramlink to bring the benefits of railed transport to neighbouring areas.

#### 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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