

TramForward

Campaigning for Light Rail

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TramForward **positive decisions on light rail schemes**

TramForward welcomes the news that certain light rail schemes have survived the government's Comprehensive Spending Review and are to proceed.

These are the building of lines two and three of the Nottingham tram system, the extension of Midland Metro to New Street Station in Birmingham, together with fleet replacement, and the completion of the Tyne and Wear Metro upgrade.

Geoff Lusher, Chairman of the Light Rail Transport Association, said "it is gratifying that the government has appreciated the importance of investing in urban transport infrastructure, particularly light rail. Light rail schemes are an important catalyst in the economic regeneration of our city regions, as well as bringing considerable environmental and health benefits."

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.lрта.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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