

# TramForward

## Campaigning for Light Rail

**Press release from the *Light Rail Transit Association* – 31 March 2011**

*tie* (*Transport Initiatives Edinburgh*) **welcomes the Light Rail Transit Association**

*tie* welcomed members of the Light Rail Transit Association to its Haymarket headquarters yesterday.

LRTA members were able to hear an update on the tramway project from Alastair Richards, *tie* Project Manager, and Mike Connelly, *tie* Head of Public Affairs.

The visitors saw progress with the depot construction works at Gogar and enjoyed a lively debate on the importance of future tram and light rail advocacy in Scotland.

In a presentation to Mike Connelly, Andrew Braddock Deputy Chairman LRTA thanked him and *tie* for their promotion of light rail and tramways in Scotland, and reiterated the Association's support for the Edinburgh project. "Trams make huge sense for cities and we hope that Edinburgh Council, Transport Scotland, the project contractors and the Scottish Government will quickly resolve the issues that have slowed the delivery of the scheme, and start to take a pride in bringing the best type of urban public transport by far to the capital city", Braddock added.

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 over 70 years.

Its worldwide membership of professional and interest groups also supports the revitalisation of suburban and rural transport through the application of light rail. Through its monthly publication ***Tramways and Urban Transit***, it disseminates a range of informative and technical articles on developments in Light Rail and Tramways.

### **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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