

# **TramForward**

## *Campaigning for Light Rail*

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### ***TramForward* welcomes Edinburgh's forward-thinking decision to take trams to St Andrew Square**

*TramForward* welcomes the decision of Edinburgh City Council at its Special Council Meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011 to review its recent decision to terminate the Edinburgh Tram at Haymarket and to now re-extend and terminate the line at St Andrew Square (York Place).

Terminating the line at Haymarket made no commercial sense and the extension will allow passengers to reach the major traffic objectives of Princes Street and Waverley Station directly without either changing to bus or walking. The extended line will form the basis of an integrated transport service for Edinburgh and will facilitate future extensions to the system.

When the line opens, Edinburgh should take advantage of its temporary surplus of vehicles to provide the highest possible frequency of service to stimulate demand. Modern trams will offer a frequent, fast, environmentally friendly and efficient service

### **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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