

TramForward

Campaigning for Light Rail

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TramForward endorses Liverpool light rail proposal

The Secretary of State for Transport announced at the Conservative Party Conference that funding will be made available for the Mersey Gateway, a new Mersey crossing within the Borough of Halton, linking Widnes and Runcorn.

Although the new bridge is primarily for road traffic, the plans include the facility to install a lower deck for future use by a light rapid transit system.

At a Conference fringe meeting organised by the All Party Group for Light Rail (APPLRG) there was a call for an early review of the proposals for Merseytram Line 3 (from central Liverpool to John Lennon Airport) and for this to be extended to the new bridge to provide a connection to Runcorn and North Cheshire

In view of the Government's commitment to environmentally friendly urban transport, TramForward endorses this proposal as a way of restarting the stalled Merseytram project.

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 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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