

TramForward

Campaigning for Light Rail

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TramForward welcomes TramTrain review for Glasgow Airport Rail Link

TramForward is pleased to note that, in response to questions at this week's Transport conference on Future Financing of Scottish Transport held at COSLA's Verity House, the Scottish Transport Minister Keith Brown acknowledged the initiative of Local Government Minister Derek Mackay who had called for a TramTrain solution to the provision of a rail link from Glasgow Airport to the city centre.

He revealed that Transport Scotland and BAA who own the Airport currently have a Study Group looking at the viability of such a link along with other measures to ease congestion and access to the airport.

It is helpful to note that Network Rail have also launched a consultation this week on the application of tram and TramTrain technologies to deliver savings in capital, operating and maintenance costs of rail lines, whilst simultaneously improving the service to the travelling customer.

A TramTrain is a light-rail public transport system where trams run both on an urban tramway network and on main-line railways to combine the tram's flexibility and availability and the train's greater speed.

The Karlsruhe model pioneered this concept in Germany, and it has since been adopted on projects such as the RijnGouweLijn in the Netherlands, Mulhouse in France and Kassel and Saarbrücken in Germany.

We hope to hear of a positive outcome from the Study Group shortly.

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 about 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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