

TramForward

Campaigning for Light Rail

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***TramForward* congratulates Scottish Transport Minister Keith Brown on his announcement of the forthcoming recommendation for light rail in the Aecom report on surface links for Glasgow Airport**

TramForward is keen to see details of the proposed one-mile tram line from the airport terminal to join the rail line in Paisley.

TramTrains have demonstrated their flexibility in providing a cost effective alternative to heavy rail and can make good use of existing infrastructure whilst offering the potential to underpin the building a larger network.

The proposal would allow future expansion to include the towns of Renfrew and Braehead which do not currently have a rail connection.

TramTrains operate very effectively in several European countries. The light rail airport link is a viable, valuable project which will bring a large number of jobs to the area and bolster the Renfrewshire economy.

The Aecom report gives Glasgow the opportunity to be the final Central Belt airport with a tram or train link after Edinburgh is connected via the city's new tram line in May. It will be the most effective way to improve public transport access to the airport from the city centre.

TramForward is happy to assist Transport Scotland in carrying out further work on how this might be delivered by disseminating information on current best practice in TramTrain operations.

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 75 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 14p 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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