

# TramForward

## *Campaigning for Light Rail*

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### ***TramForward urges extension of proposed Glasgow Airport TramTrain service to Renfrew***

**TramForward** welcomes the statement made by the Scottish Transport Minister to the recent meeting of the Infrastructure Committee at Holyrood, confirming that he has asked Transport Scotland to work with the airport and local councils on the feasibility of the TramTrain link proposed in the recent independent study. It would be helpful if officials also investigated possible sources of funding.

Edinburgh Airport is shortly to benefit from the new tram and rail interchanges at Gogar and Edinburgh Park which will make this a very attractive option for travel not only from the east but also the west of Scotland. Glasgow will then be the only central belt airport that does not have a rail connection with its major centre of population, and will therefore be in an uncompetitive position.

In order to enhance the business case for the TramTrain option, **TramForward** suggests it is extended to Renfrew. Renfrew is the only major town that does not benefit from having a rail connection in the Greater Glasgow area and is near to the Airport. Such an extension would help to ensure a more consistent traffic flow for the TramTrain link.

### **NOTES FOR EDITORS**

1. **TramForward** is the campaigning arm of the Light Rail Transit Association (LRTA).
2. The LRTA is the world's leading organisation campaigning for better public transport in urban areas through light rail, tramway and metro systems and has been in existence for more than 75 years. It also supports the revitalisation of suburban and rural transport through the application of light rail and TramTrain technology.
3. The LRTA acts through its network of local branches, which campaign for better transport in their areas.
4. Membership of the LRTA costs less than 14p a day. To join, visit **[www.lrta.org](http://www.lrta.org)** or write to the Membership Secretary, LRTA, 38 Wolseley Road, Sale, M33 7AU. Members 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 museums.

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