

TramForward

Campaigning for Light Rail

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Metrolink opens early to Manchester Airport

TramForward once again congratulates Transport for Greater Manchester on another early tram extension opening. The line to Manchester Airport which opened today (Monday 3 November 2014) is well over twelve months ahead of schedule.

Trams are now running every twelve minutes from the Airport to Cornbrook, where passengers can connect with frequent services to stops across the network. The service will not run further into Manchester until the Second City Crossing opens in 2017 and unlocks extra track capacity through the city centre.

Journeys from the Airport to Cornbrook will take 40 minutes and double the number of trams running between St Werburgh's Road and Cornbrook.

A 300-space park and ride facility – free for Metrolink passengers to use – at the Sale Water Park stop, is conveniently located just off Junction 6 of the M60.

The 14.5km Airport line brings the size of the Metrolink network to 92.5km (57.5 miles), serving 92 stops.

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 15p a day. To join, visit www.lrta.org or write to the Membership Secretary, LRTA, 38 Wolsley 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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