

TramForward

Campaigning for Light Rail

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TramForward congratulates Steve Berry on award

The LRTA congratulates Steve Berry of the Department for Transport on being awarded the OBE in the New Years Honours List for services to local transport resilience.

In addition to his responsibilities in that area, Steve is the Department's senior official for tram and light rail schemes and worked closely with then Transport Minister Norman Baker MP with the drafting of the "Green light for light rail" report in 2011. He was also responsible for organising, with UKTram, two Light Rail Summits.

Steve has worked with the light rail industry, local transport authorities and utility companies to find opportunities to reduce the costs of tramway systems and improve the financial case for new and extensions to existing systems. As the DfT's observer on the UKTram board, Steve provides a link between the tramway industry and government policy makers.

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 or write to the Membership Secretary, LRTA, 38 Wolseley Road, Sale, Greater Manchester, 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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