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TramForward welcomes Alstom's new innovatory tram construction package

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TramForward welcomes Alstom Transport's innovatory "Attractis" package, which offers a 30-month construction time for a new light rail or tram scheme. The package was launched at the UITP World Congress and Expo in Milan in June.

Jim Harkins, of the All Party Parliamentary Light Rail Group secretariat and Chairman of the LRTA External Relations Group, said: "Alstom has used its considerable experience in the construction of 16 light rail projects around the world under turnkey contracts to put together this attractive package. In terms of scheme extensions such as Edinburgh it is important to note that the Attractis formula is also expected to reduce costs by up to 20%."

Mr Harkins continued, "This would make light rail more affordable for cities that might otherwise only be able to invest in bus rapid transit, as the concept is designed to be scalable to suit flows of 6 000 to 14 000 passengers per hour in each direction. Time and cost savings can be delivered through having an integrated project team producing detailed design and optimising the various elements of the technology, such as Alstom's "Appitrack" rail-installation coupled with its expertise in overhead-line or, where appropriate, ground-level power supplies. In times of financial restriction this initiative is to be welcomed"

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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