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Campaigning for Light Rail

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***TramForward* welcomes the Welsh Government's plans for a Cardiff City Region Metro**

TramForward, the campaigning arm of the Light Rail Transit Association (LRTA), welcomes the Welsh Government's plans for a Cardiff City Region Metro, with the proposed electrification of the Valley Lines (VLE) at its core.

TramForward endorses the Welsh Government's stance in these early planning stages of keeping as many transport mode options as possible open.

TramForward also welcomes supportive articles published in Wales Online, written by business people.

TramForward does, however, believe that the Welsh Government will find that adoption of appropriate light rail and tram technologies will greatly assist with providing the best transport system for the lowest whole-life cost.

A light rail approach is ideal where stops are close, as in the proposed Metro, by providing vehicles with rapid acceleration and braking, so minimising journey times. Infrastructure dedicated to light rail is less costly and more flexible in geometry than 'heavy' rail equipment.

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.lрта.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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