

# **TramForward**

## *Campaigning for Light Rail*

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### ***TramForward* welcomes Minister's enthusiasm for light rail**

At an All Party Parliamentary Light Rail Group (APPLRG) event at the House of Commons last week, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport Andrew Jones MP stated that he was a fan of light rail in all its forms. He said that the Government's view on light rail is very simple: "we support it".

The Minister cited the record growth of passenger numbers on the existing UK systems and their success in boosting regional economies. He said that the Government was keen to continue to work with APPLRG and UKTram to promote the light rail sector.

The event was introduced by Greg Mulholland, MP for Leeds North West, who is the new Chairman of APPLRG, and finished with an address by Geoff Inskip, Chairman of UKTram.

Andrew Braddock, Chairman of the Light Rail Transit Association, said that he hoped the positive moves to devolve decision making on transport infrastructure projects to city regions with Combined Authorities would result in more tram schemes in the UK as the overall economy improves. "The LRTA", he added, "stands ready to work with UKTram in bringing the Minister's attention to proposals for new tramways which will help transform more of our cities just as the Manchester and Nottingham networks have done".

### **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 Wolsley 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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