

PRESS RELEASE FROM TramForward

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TramForward welcomes Beauly to Denny Super Electrical Highway

Welcoming the opening of the Beauly to Denny power line, which will offer an electrical superhighway for transporting renewable energy to the Central Belt of Scotland, *TramForward* spokesman Jim Harkins said, "This important grid enhancement should encourage the Scotlish Government to introduce more clean, carbon-free public transport and, in particular, to focus with Network Rail and the Local Authorities on electrifying more rail routes and investing in tram and light rail schemes. A major switch to pollution-free public transport would bring substantial health benefits to Central Scotland.

"We hope the Scottish Government will use this opportunity to take the lead in the UK in developing sustainable national and local public transport", he added.

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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