

# **TramForward**

## *Campaigning for Light Rail*

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***TramForward* congratulates Transport for Greater Manchester on the successful opening of the Metrolink Second City Crossing.**

This is the latest addition to the UK's largest light rail network and will improve distribution within the central area of the city.

Although the new line provides an alternative to the original Metrolink route along Mosley Street, it is clear that the network's continued success will ultimately depend upon further capacity being provided between St Peter's Square and Cornbrook, with a need for more platforms at the latter once the Trafford Park line, which is now under construction, opens to the public.

The Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040 quotes amongst the aims for the region's transport system that it should be resilient and reliable, and in a large fixed-track system this will require both sufficient capacity for the services being run and the availability of alternative routes in the case of emergencies, infrastructure maintenance or special events.

### **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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