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Campaigning for Light Rail

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Light Rail Transit Association supports Trams to Lytham

The Light Rail Transit Association (LRTA) has pledged its support to *Trams to Lytham*, a campaign to connect the towns of Lytham and St Anne's on the Fylde Coast to the highly successful Blackpool tram system, currently being extended to Blackpool North.

Lytham and St Anne's currently suffer poor public transport connections. An hourly rail service to Blackpool South does not reach the centre of Blackpool and buses are delayed by congestion and take indirect routes to key areas. A tramway between Blackpool and Lytham will solve these problems.

Sam Flynn, founder of *Trams to Lytham*, said "A tramway would provide accessible connections to popular destinations, with more stops near homes and businesses. It would have the same regenerative impact as other successful UK tramways and would enhance tourism. *Trams to Lytham* is not a centralised or formal lobby group, but there is scope for it to become a wider campaign for the Blackpool area provided enthusiastic people get involved."

Paul Rowen, Chairman of the Light Rail Transit Association, said "We are very happy to support *Trams to Lytham* in its campaign to extend the Blackpool tramway to Lytham and St Anne's and to bring the benefits of efficient and clean public transport to a substantial area of the Fylde Coast. Folk in Lytham and St Anne's have a very poor rail service to Blackpool at the moment and the line could be extended on to the Blackpool tram system very economically giving residents direct access into the centre of Blackpool."

NOTES

1. The LRTA (<http://www.lrta.org/>) 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 80 years. It also supports the revitalisation of suburban and rural transport through the application of light rail and TramTrain technology.

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