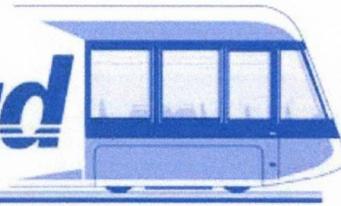




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## **Bath to undertake mass transit study.**

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TramForward is delighted to learn that at a recent meeting on Bath and Bristol Trams, Mark Shelford, Bath and North East Somerset Council (BANES) Cabinet Member for Transport, reported that funding had been secured from the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) of £1.95m for the Bristol mass transit study to develop the feasibility and business cases which will include the spur from Bristol to Bath and villages and towns in between. A further tranche of £450k has been secured from WECA to investigate the Bath mass transit study looking at all options including trams.

This follows a study commissioned by BANES from consultants Atkins, which indicated that there were “no show stoppers” for the development of tram lines in Bath.

TramForward believes that Bath Trams under Dave Andrews, Chair of the Board, has been highly influential in persuading local government to give serious consideration to trams as a means of reducing congestion and improving both connectivity and the environment in the city.

Chair of the LRTA Campaigns Group, Jim Harkins, said: “Excellent news and a shot in the arm for campaigners like Dave Andrews. Light rail has a role in our smaller towns and cities and this grant is the first step towards achieving what others on the continent take for granted.”

### **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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