



Light Rail Transit Association

Advocating modern tramways and urban light rail transit

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LRTA WELCOMES GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR NOTTINGHAM TRAMS

WORK OF LOCAL MEMBERS RECOGNISED

The Light Rail Transit Association - the world's leading organisation campaigning for better public transport through light rail - has warmly welcomed the announcement that the Government will fund the expansion of Greater Nottingham's tram network.

In particular, the hard work and dedication of its members in the local area - who have led the campaign for the extension of the highly successful Nottingham Express Transit system - has been praised. Modern, comfortable, low-floor trams already link Hucknall and Phoenix Park to the railway station, with easy connections to trains as well as park and ride services which keep cars out of the city centre. Phase 2 will extend services to Clifton (via Beeston and the Queens Medical Centre) and Chilwell (via Wilford) from 2013. The length of the system will be doubled.

David Russell, Chairman of the Light Rail Transit Association, said: "We are very proud of the Nottingham area members of the LRTA, who have lobbied so hard for this excellent outcome."

Modern trams have breathed new life into areas of Manchester, Sheffield, Croydon, the West Midlands and Nottingham, while other transport systems such as the Docklands Light Railway in London and the Tyne & Wear Metro have also provided a huge boost to their localities.

For more information about the Light Rail Transit Association, its activities and the benefits of high-quality public transport, visit www.lrta.org.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. The Light Rail Transit Association is the world's leading organisation campaigning for better public transport through light rail, tramway and metro systems in our towns and cities for nearly 70 years. It also supports the revitalisation of suburban and rural transport through the application of light rail.
2. The LRTA acts through its network of local branches, which campaign for better transport in their localities.
3. Membership of the LRTA costs just over 9p a day. To join, visit www.lrta.org or write to the Membership Secretary, LRTA, 38 Wolseley Road, Sale, Greater Manchester, M33 7AU. Members of the LRTA 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 sites.
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