Light rail helps fight congestion

- A proven ability to attract drivers from their cars.
  Typically 20 percent of the peak-hour passengers on a light rail system transferred from car.

- Light rail reduces congestion on the routes it serves.
  In Manchester, traffic flows on key routes into central Manchester reduced by up to 10 per cent at peak times.

- Introducing light rail increases overall patronage of public transport.
  In Nottingham there were "Initial indications that the public transport market has increased by over 20 per cent."

- Measures to control car use are simplified when people have a high-quality alternative.

- Light rail systems lead to less traffic pollution and fewer road accidents.

- Light rail frees up road space for walking or cycling, and reduces the need for town centre car parking.

- [Source PTEG report "What Light Rail can do for cities."]