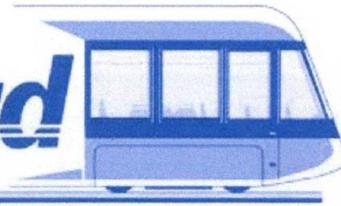




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TramForward welcomes Councils' agreement on Glasgow Airport - Paisley light rail link

TramForward congratulates Glasgow and Renfrewshire Councils on agreeing a planned Glasgow Airport to Paisley railway station light rail link. The Councils have agreed funding for the airport link and a feasibility study is to be carried out to extend it eastwards into Glasgow. The link between the Airport and Paisley is seen as the first phase in plans for a city-wide Glasgow metro tram network.

We also welcome Scottish Government approval for it to be a national transport project and for it to be included in the Programme for Government.

The news is especially gratifying in view of the years of campaigning for the introduction of light rail to Glasgow carried out by members of the LRTA.

Paul Rowen Chair of the Light Rail Transit Association said "With both Council leaderships now in agreement, this will be the biggest public transport project in the city for decades, greatly improving mobility and allowing Glasgow to build on its potential as a global city".

Chair of the LRTA Campaigns Group *TramForward* and Secretariat of the All Party Parliamentary Light Rail Group at Westminster, James Harkins said, "As a former native of the city I welcome the Scottish Government pledge to work with Glasgow and Renfrewshire Councils on the Connectivity Commission's further recommendations. It is excellent news that funding is already in place to deliver a first phase, linking Paisley with Glasgow Airport."

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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