

## 08.00 DOORS OPEN, EVENT REGISTRATION, EXHIBITION AND NETWORKING

- 09.15 Welcome to the 18th Annual UK Light Rail Conference**  
Ian Brown CBE: Chairman
- 09.25 Keynote address: Redefining our transport offer in West Yorkshire**  
Tracy Brabin: Mayor of West Yorkshire, West Yorkshire Combined Authority
- 09.35 Mass Transit: Completing our West Yorkshire integrated transport vision**  
Simon Warburton: Executive Director of Transport, West Yorkshire Combined Authority
- 10.00 Invited**  
Simon Lightwood: Labour and Co-operative Parliamentary Candidate for Wakefield and Rothwell
- 10.15 Shaping mass transit design and delivery for a more sustainable future**  
Stacey White: Head of Mass Transit, Place and Consents, West Yorkshire Combined Authority  
Andrew Linfoot: Global Principal for Landscape Architecture, Jacobs  
Kerry Whalley: Head of Environment and Sustainability, Arup

## 10.40 REFRESHMENTS, NETWORKING AND EXHIBITION

- 11.15 UK light rail: Looking to the future**  
James Hammett: Managing Director, UKTram
- 11.40 Financing light rail investment – the lender’s perspective**  
Iain Watson: UK Infrastructure Bank
- 12.05 Setting light rail programmes up for successful delivery**  
Chris Wood: Technical Director, WSP
- 12.30 The importance of being earnest... about light rail integration**  
Lindsay Murphy: Global Light Rail Lead, TXM Consult  
Alex Finlayson: Head of Systems, TXM Consult  
Connacht Sheffield: Consultant, TXM Consult



- 11.00 Hall B welcome and opening remarks**  
Colin Robey: Chair, Centre of Excellence, UKTram
- 11.10 Transforming urban mobility: SYSTRA’s innovation and impact on global light rail infrastructure**  
Andrew Dugdale: Strategic Sales Director (LRT), SYSTRA
- 11.35 Metro de Sevilla: Sustainability, digital transformation, and operational excellence for enhanced customer experience**  
Jorge Maroto: Director General, Metro de Sevilla
- 12.00 When light rail met the UK’s top heavy rail operation**  
David Powell: Programme Director – Rolling Stock, Merseytravel
- 12.25 EFS: Depot simulation**  
Gerard Clariana: Product and Project Manager, Kruch Railway Innovations



## 13.00 LUNCH, NETWORKING AND EXHIBITION

- 14.00 Positioning light rail as a strong proposition for UK towns and cities**  
Martin Fleetwood: Consultant, Addleshaw Goddard
- 14.20 Tram technology partnerships – Better together**  
Martin Smart, Systems Engineering Manager, Hitachi Rail  
Sam Daw, Technical and Assurance Director, Hitachi Rail
- 14.45 Light rail supporting good economic growth: South Yorkshire Supertram**  
Melanie Corcoran: Executive Director for Transport, South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority



- 14.00 Tram Driver Assistant systems 2nd generation**  
Ruprecht Anz: Product Manager, Bosch Engineering
- 14.25 Light rail transformation: Sustainable solutions for the challenges of urban transit**  
Hamzeh Adinehvand: Business Development Manager, Pandrol
- 14.50 Digital tools for urban transit on Clyde Metro**  
Scott Fleming: Associate Architectural Technologist, Mott MacDonald



- 15.15 The next generation of light rail in the UK – What the future landscape could (and should) look like...**  
Panel host: Stuart Thomson: Consultant, CWE Comms  
Stephen Luke: Global Practice Leader Urban Transit and Mobility, Mott MacDonald  
Dave Carter: Transport Planning Director, Systra  
Dan Phillips: Technical Solutions Manager – Control, Supervision and Information Systems, Hitachi Rail  
James Hammett: Managing Director, UKTram  
Tim Burleigh: Head of External Relations, Eversholt Rail

## 16.00 REFRESHMENTS, NETWORKING AND EXHIBITION

## 16.30-18.00 INNOVATION ZONE



## 19.30 EVENING ACTIVITIES AT THE TERRACE

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- 09.10 Introduction and opening remarks**  
Ian Brown CBE: Chairman
- 09.15 Mass Transit phase one market engagement**  
Rob Leech: Mass Transit – Deputy Director, Programme, West Yorkshire Combined Authority
- 09.40 Building a case for mass transit**  
Dave Carter: Transport Planning Director, SYSTRA
- 10.05 Urban transit demands and user needs**  
Jon Crockett: Technical Principal – rail and light rail planning, Mott Macdonald

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## 10.30 REFRESHMENTS, NETWORKING AND EXHIBITION

- 11.15 Improving safety and driving innovation**  
Carl Williams: Chief Executive, Light Rail Safety and Standards Board
- 11.40 Wellbeing and fatigue: The journey continues**  
Ben Groome: Service Delivery Director, Tram Operations Limited
- 12.00 Listening to improve safety**  
Susan Gray: Stakeholder Manager, CIRAS
- 12.20 Solving industry challenges through research and innovation**  
David Crosbee: Principal Industrial Fellow, University of Huddersfield  
Paul Molyneux-Berry: Principal Industrial Fellow, University of Huddersfield
- 12.40 Q&A across sessions**

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## 13.00 LUNCH, NETWORKING AND EXHIBITION

- 14.00 The next generation of light rail in the UK – how do we attract and retain talent?**  
Panel host: Daniel Hill, Technical Officer, UKTram  
Lucy Davison: Design Co-Ordinator/Early Careers Excellence Lead, SYSTRA  
Anna Tyler: Civil Engineer, Mott MacDonald  
Edward Rymer: Graduate Project Manager, Colas Rail  
Phil Page: Duty Manager, First Tram Operations

- 14.45 Mapping the global light rail journey**  
Andy Lucas: Chief Operating Officer, Rail Intel  
Matt Johnston: Chief Executive Officer, Rail Intel
- 15.10 West Midlands Metro: The 25th year of our journey**  
Sophie Allison: Managing Director, West Midlands Metro  
Anthony Stanley: Head of Operations and Safety, West Midlands Metro
- 15.35 Light rail developments at Network Rail**  
Simon Coulthard: Head of Light Rail, Network Rail
- 16.00 Stourbridge's bigger picture: VLR integration in Dudley**  
Charlie Merrell: PR & Marketing Officer, Pre Metro Operations
- 16.25 Conference closing remarks**  
Ian Brown CBE: Chairman

## 16.30 REFRESHMENTS, NETWORKING AND EXHIBITION

## 17.30 CLOSE OF THE 18TH ANNUAL UK LIGHT RAIL CONFERENCE

- 09.10 Welcome and opening remarks**  
Colin Robey: Chair, Centre of Excellence, UKTram
- 09.20 Where next for rapid transit in Greater Manchester?**  
Luke Bramwell: Head of Rapid Transit Development, Transport for Greater Manchester
- 09.40 Trams to Newhaven: The first year of operations**  
Sarah Singh: Head of Operations, Edinburgh Trams
- 10.05 Coventry Very Light Rail: The challenges in delivering innovation**  
Colin Knight: Director of Innovation, Coventry City Council
- 10.25 Light rail in the future circular economy**  
Carl Waring: Principal Consultant, Frazer-Nash Consultancy

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## 10.50 REFRESHMENTS, NETWORKING AND EXHIBITION

- 11.25 20 years of Nottingham Trams and reducing fare evasion & antisocial behaviour on the network**  
Sarah Turner: Service and Safety Director, Nottingham Trams  
Jo Bentley: Head of Customer Experience, Nottingham Trams
- 11.45 Title to be confirmed**  
Richard Batley: Institute for Transport Studies, University of Leeds
- 12.05 Using Artificial Intelligence to detect trespass on the DLR**  
Andrew Dickinson: Service Delivery Director, KeolisAmey Docklands
- 12.25 After years of digitalisation in light rail, how to deliver tangible value to passengers and PTAs?**  
Christophe Sanguina: Director Centre of Excellence Metro-Tram, Keolis
- 12.45 A catalyst for urban regeneration**  
Iain Anderson: Colas Rail  
Damien Gent: Egis Group  
Amanda White: Interim Metro Director, West Midlands Combined Authority

## 13.10 LUNCH, NETWORKING AND EXHIBITION

- 14.00 Proven technology for railhead conditioning**  
Michael Moffatt: Engineering Manager, Ross Pneumatrol
- 14.25 Tyne and Wear Metro: A vision for 2030 – expanded and re-signalled**  
Tom Hardwick: Head of System Development, Nexus
- 14.50 Saving lives – Development of a tram surfing detection system**  
Ian Rowe: Managing Director, Avansim
- 15.15 Closing remarks**  
Colin Robey: Chair, Centre of Excellence, UKTram