

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 Title to be confirmed**
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 SYSTRA innovation in LRT design**
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 Title to be confirmed**
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
Sam Daw: Technical & Assurance Director, Hitachi Rail
James Hammett: Managing Director, UKTram
Tim Burleigh: Relationship Development Manager, Eversholt Rail

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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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- 11.15 Leading light rail into a safer future**
Carl Williams: Chief Executive, Light Rail Safety and Standards Board
- 11.40 Title to be confirmed**
Ben Groome: Service Delivery Director, Tram Operations Limited
- 12.00 Listening to stay safe**
Susan Gray: Marketing Lead and 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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- 14.00 The next generation of light rail in the UK – how do we attract and retain talent?**
Panel host: To be confirmed
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 A catalyst for urban regeneration - What are the real costs of delivering an LRT system vs urban regeneration bringing a fully integrated transport solution?**
Alejandro Moreno: Business Development Director – Urban and New Business UK, Colas Rail
- 15.10 Title to be confirmed**
Sophie Allison: Managing Director, 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

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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 Title to be confirmed**
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 Title to be confirmed**
Colin Knight: Director of Transportation and Highways, Coventry City Council
- 10.25 Light Rail in the future circular economy**
Carl Waring: Principal Consultant, Frazer-Nash Consultancy

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- 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 Invited**
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 Title to be confirmed**
Speaker to be confirmed

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- 14.00 Proven technology for railhead conditioning**
Michael Moffat: Design Development Engineer, 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