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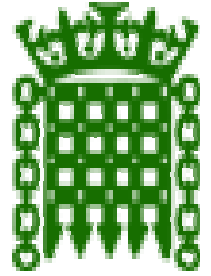
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# Birmingham tram extension receives government funding



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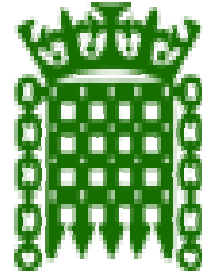
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The Department for Transport (UK) announced on September 1 that it is to provide £59.8m towards the construction of the Edgbaston extension of the Midland Metro tram route in Birmingham.

The package means that the £149m project is now fully funded.

Preliminary work started in the summer on the 2 km, five-stop western extension from Midland Metro’s southern terminus at Birmingham New Street to Edgbaston.

Opening is due in March 2021, with up to 10 trams/h in peak times running to the new terminus.

Parts of the route will be built without catenary in order to prevent visual intrusion.

To allow catenary-free operation, the fleet of 21 Urbos trams is currently being retrofitted with roof-mounted lithium-ion batteries at CAF’s factory in Zaragoza.

Courtesy: Metro Report

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