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Campaigning for Light Rail

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TramForward welcomes proposed TramTrain to Glasgow Airport

TramForward welcomes the recent Outline Business Case for a TramTrain service to connect Glasgow Airport to Glasgow Central, which would be the best performing option for the much-discussed rail link, offering the best value for money due to its greater attraction for users.

The TramTrain scheme has been developed jointly by Renfrewshire Council and Glasgow City Council and will now be put to the Glasgow City Deal Cabinet for approval.

The TramTrain proposal will allow the Airport and Renfrewshire to be fully integrated into the Region's transport network and play a pivotal role in its thriving economic future.

Jim Harkins, from the Secretariat of the All Party Parliamentary Light Rail Group, said "We've long argued that the TramTrain link between the airport and the city centre was the solution for the thousands of tourists and business travellers who fly into and out of Glasgow, and our website demonstrated similar light rail solutions. The scheme could provide a springboard to achieve light rail connections to nearby rail-detached towns such as Renfrew and Erskine".

Andrew Braddock, Chairman of the Light Rail Transit Association, added "We welcome the identification of TramTrain as the preferred option. The Airport project team have made extensive use of the expertise of the Sheffield – Rotherham TramTrain project and the knowledge of the industry trade body UKTram. The excellent Outline Business Case will, I am sure, inspire other TramTrain airport link schemes".

Glasgow Airport injects around £170m into the Glasgow City Region economy every year and businesses have backed the project as essential to ensuring it remains competitive in the years ahead.

The £144m Glasgow Airport Access Project, which is the flagship investment for the £1.13 billion Glasgow City Region City Deal, will strengthen the city region's link to the world, positioning it as an attractive place to do business and helping to create jobs within the area. Journeys to and from the airport would be transformed as a state-of-the-art system would carry passengers on specially designed TramTrains using both the existing railway network and a new light rail spur from Paisley to the airport.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. *TramForward* is the campaigning arm of the Light Rail Transit Association.
2. The Light Rail Transit Association is the world's leading organisation campaigning for better public transport through light rail, tramway and metro systems in our towns and cities for 75 years. It also supports the revitalisation of suburban and rural transport through the application of light rail.
3. The LRTA acts through its network of local branches, which campaign for better transport in their localities.
4. Membership of the LRTA costs under 14p a day. To join, visit www.lrta.org or write to the Membership Secretary, LRTA, 38 Wolseley Road, Sale, Greater Manchester, M33 7AU. Members of the LRTA receive the monthly magazine *Tramways & Urban Transit* - written and read by experts in the field - and gain other benefits including discounts on videos and books, tours of transport systems and cut-price admission to selected transport sites.

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