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Campaigning for Light Rail

PRESS RELEASE FROM *TramForward*

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The Cabinet approved funding of £1.1m towards a project to connect Glasgow city centre to Glasgow Airport via Paisley Gilmour Street station. The Airport Access Project will either see a tram-train link or a light rail transit system developed.

TramForward welcomes the development of an outline business case by Renfrewshire and Glasgow City Councils to decide on a preferred option for the £144m link.

This decision complements City of Edinburgh Council's decision of last week when the council moved to vote through plans to begin tram preparation works for the extension to Newhaven including setting up a project team, site investigation and starting footway enabling works on Leith Walk – will now commence over the next 18 months at a cost of £3.25m.

Mr. James Harkins of the All Party Parliamentary Light Rail Group said, "I'm pleased that a way forward for these projects has been found that will offer many environmental, economic and social benefits to Edinburgh and the Clyde Valley. Using light rail and modern tramways can offer massive infrastructural improvements, making huge opportunities available for local people and businesses. The progress being made on the new Edinburgh Gateway train/tram interchange station on the line over the Forth Bridge to Fife, giving passengers from Fife a faster rail link to Edinburgh Airport is a fine example of this".

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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