

Air pollutions ? – The Tram solutions

*for clean air
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*Warrington
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Short presentation

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Urban Transport Corridor Pollution

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Non-Exhaust Emissions (NEE) from Road Traffic



**“The Oslo
Effect”**

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Scottish Government; Welsh Government;

Department of the Environment in Northern Ireland

Urban Transport Corridor Pollution

There are two main Transport Corridor Pollutants (UTC).

Tailpipe Emissions, GHG issue almost solved

But at the increasing expense of

Road, Tyre & Brake Dust (NEE)

(Often Known as the "Oslo Effect")

***Electric vehicles are 24% heavier and create
37% more pollution!***

Urban Transport Corridor Pollution

Non-Exhaust Emissions (NEE)

3 x Main important questions must be asked!

- ✓ Where does the road surface go as it wears out?
- ✓ Where does the tyre tread go as it wears down?
- ✓ Where does the brake and clutch go as they wear out?

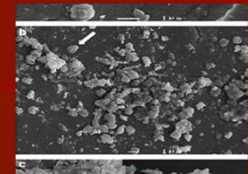
A busy road with 25,000 vehicles travelling on it each day will generate around nine kilograms of tyre dust alone per kilometre.



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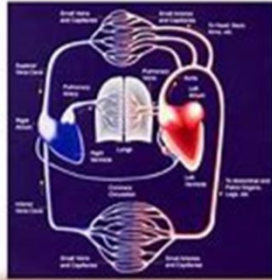
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Why is PM 2.5 dangerous

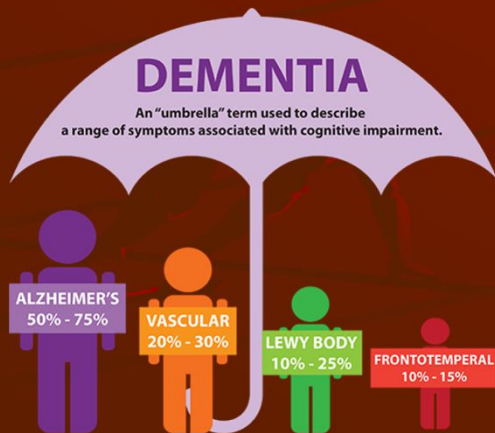
- PM 2.5 can penetrate into deepest parts of lungs and bloodstream
- PM 2.5 can stay in airborne for days and weeks
- PM 10 can stay in the air for minutes or hours



Non-Exhaust Emissions (NEE)

153,000 respiratory deaths, mainly young & old *British Thoracic Report*

Figures show between 25% - 40% of deaths due to "Tail Pipe emissions" (38,250 - 61,100 deaths) *UK Government*



PM_{2.5} is associated with an increased risk of dementia in this pollution setting.



Trams will help prevent Death on the Pavement "Oslo Effect"

*To burn carbon and road grind is to pollute.
Question: Is this where it will all end?*

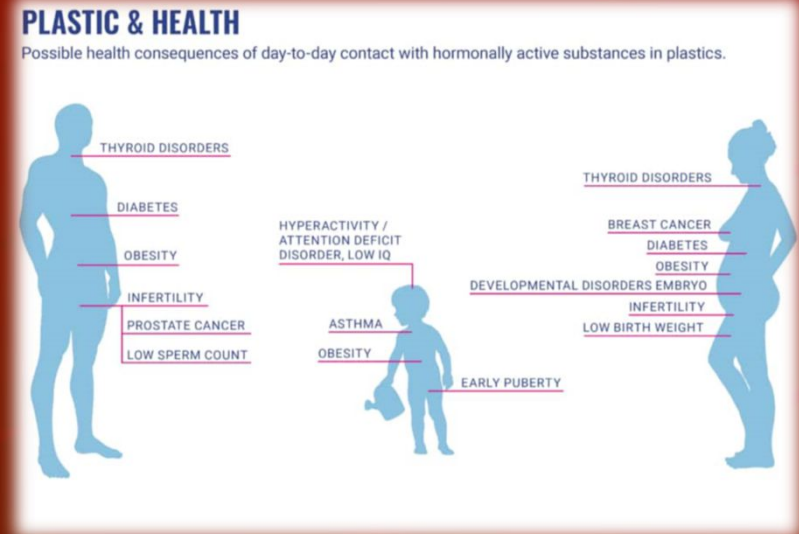
Why Trams ? No pollution at the point of Use!

Don't forget the Micro Plastics caused!

Scientists have warned we are creating a "plastic planet". Some 420 million tons of plastics were produced in 2015, up from just over two million tons in 1950.

Over a 65-year period roughly six billion tons ended up either in landfill or in the natural environment, 20% from rubber wheeled road traffic,

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Why Trams ?



light rail and tram use in England increased by 109.9% from the year ending March 2021, up to 171.5 million passenger journeys

Why Trams ?

The Tram Network:-

Be fully accessible to all residents and visitors including those with reduced mobility to all Tram and shared Bus stops, Public Transport Pathways (PTP)

Be mindful that we have an ageing population and the network will be fully accessible, easy to understand and use

Successfully supply the last/first mile door to door connectivity to planned Rail upgrades



*Metrolink carried 45.5M passengers pre Covid with 120 trams
Modal switch from rubber wheeled vehicles @ 28% +

A Penny wise, Pound foolish Public Transport Policy



Zebra Buses

- One off purchase, little residual value
- Working Life 10 – 12 years
- Creates heavier "Oslo Effect"
- Low modal switch circa 9%
- Expensive to operate
- Health costs missing from Environmental Statement
- How much death and illness will occur in Warrington?
- Interim solution only
- Will fail Euro 7 Legislation/WHO Standards

- Lasts multi generational 140 Years +
- Sheffield trams 30 years +
- High environmental benefits
- No pollution at the point of use
- Increases house values
- Track share with Network Rail
- Significant soft benefits



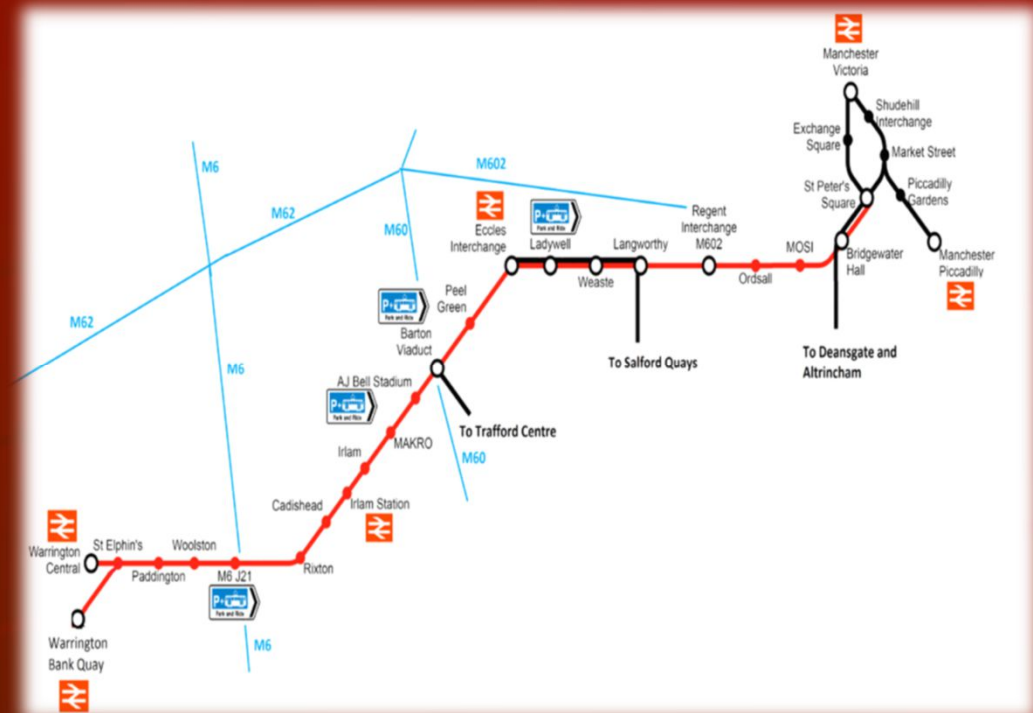
Where can Trams go ? (T57)

The T57 Hydrogen Tram Project:

Improve non car access and connectivity to the main East – West transport poverty corridors
Provide a greater service frequency i.e. 4-8 trams per hour,

Support the proposed Northern Powerhouse
Cheshire Line's 5 Million Additional Passengers
Relieve pressure on the "heavy rail corridors"
thus providing significant savings

Provide a third low cost flexible "Rail" corridor initiative between Liverpool and Manchester and a low cost affordable & sustainable airport link.



Where can Trams go ?

A Tram Network will provide access to

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Employment including industrial and logistics sites

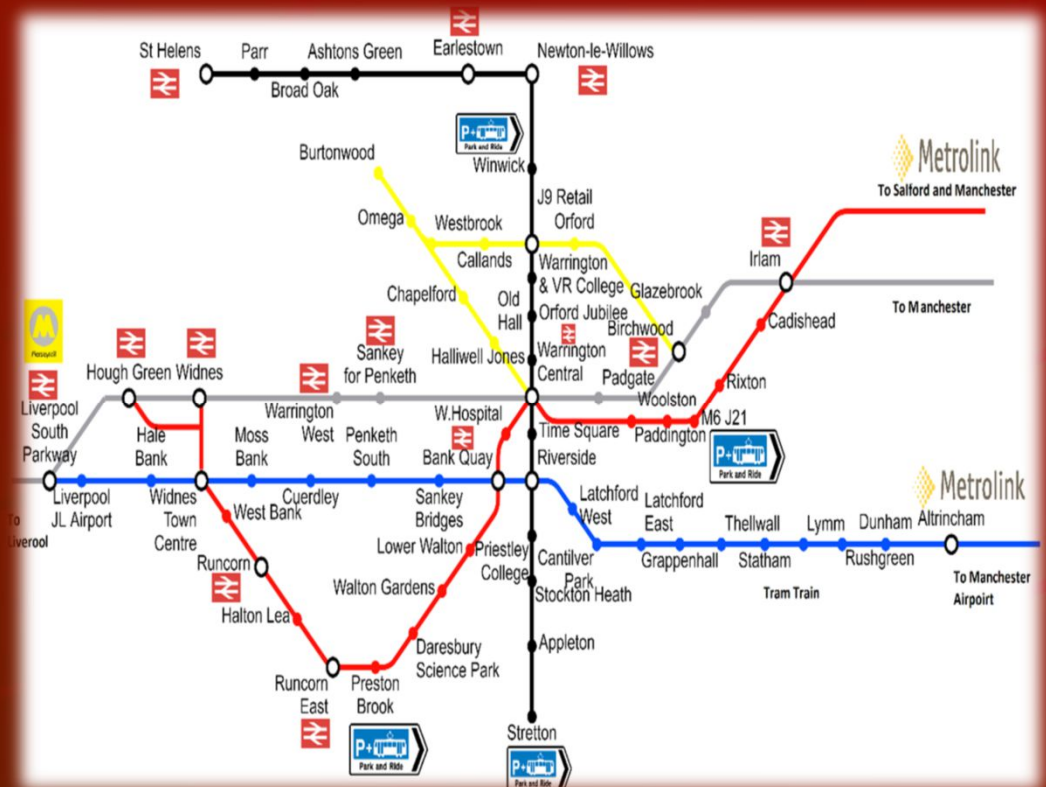
New housing developments including denser housing without parking spaces.

Provision of cleaner air around schools and hospitals

Sports & leisure including several stadia

Heritage and tourism.

A " Rochdale Pattern" of transit behaviour, "Hop on, Hop Off" supporting the 15 minute neighbourhood concept.



Hydrogen VLR Tram Urban A57 Transport Corridor Solution

What can it do for Environment, Growth & Regeneration?

Small tram systems (Very Light Rail) does increase the amount of development in an area and makes the linear development much more effective.

We have identified areas that the Hydrogen VLR Tram will open up and access land

Areas along the line of route lend themselves to high density housing, offering a mix of commercial and residential uses.

Gives developers the chance to build efficiently with fewer parking spaces needed.

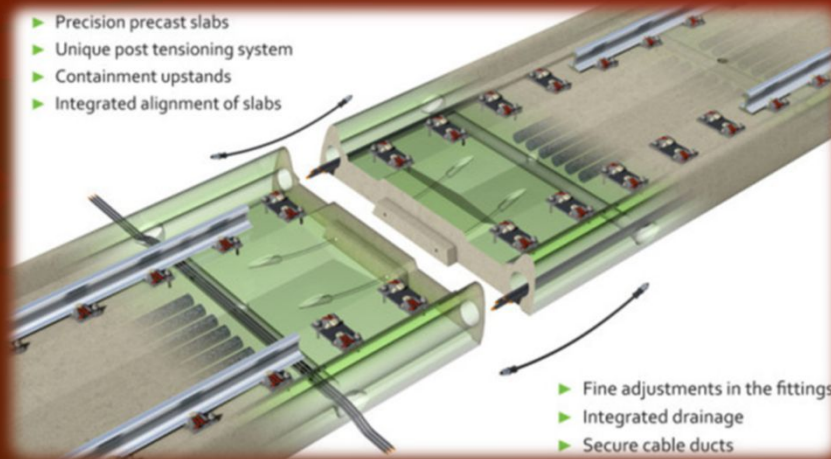
The Hydrogen Tram T57 Project will enable connectivity to be shared by everyone and not just those near the railway station

[Coast Futura Light Rail Demo on the Santa Cruz Branch - YouTube](#)

Hydrogen Tram Urban Transport Corridor Solution

Track - keep it simple and quick

PCAT (Pre Cast Advanced Track)



Most utilities left in situ

T Hydrogen Tram Urban Transport Corridor Solution

**For the current price of the
Warrington Western Link Road**

**at (2018) estimate of £212 Million, this
could have bought approximately, (excluding the
indirect health and social costs)**

***21.2km of tram in Warrington**

***(From <£10 Million per Track Kilometre Inc. depot etc., UKTram)**

Urban Tram Transport Corridor Feeder Solution



Beware Greenwash!!!

Hydrogen VLR Tram Urban Transport Corridor Solution

Funding ?

Hydrogen Economy Draft Action Plan
DfT Rail, Climate Change + Community Infrastructure Levy,
Tax Incremental Financing
Grant from UK Government via
Transport Development Fund
Developer Contributions (Section 75)
City Region Funds
Regional Growth Fund CA, LEPs
Funding for Sustainable Transport (UK Govt)
Workplace Parking Levy, Green Investment Bank
Pollution Charge, PM Town Fund

A range of Private Investors and Pension Funds

This not an exhaustive list and will change
as schemes are introduced, ended, replaced etc.,

Our Outline proposals often meet with this response



**Sadly, many Leaders of Warrington Borough Council, Labour Councilors are too busy!
(Often, they are fighting transport pollution with a NEE based solution by promoting
a TramBus type which will kill many Citizens, young and old
and this short termism is recorded for posterity on this site, instead of being Statesmen with concern for those who follow!.**

Thank You for Listening

Climate Change is not Negotiable



*Any
Questions ?*

Support documents

Support documents

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Support documents

Why Trams?

mg PM ₁₀ / km		Tyre	Brake
Cars	Urban	8.7	11.7
	Rural	6.8	5.5
	Motorway	5.8	1.4
LGVs	Urban	13.8	18.2
	Rural	10.7	8.6
	Motorway	9.2	2.1
Rigid HGVs	Urban	20.7	51.0
	Rural	17.4	27.1
	Motorway	14.0	8.4
Artic HGVs	Urban	47.1	51.0
	Rural	38.2	27.1
	Motorway	31.5	8.4
Buses	Urban	21.2	53.6
	Rural	17.4	27.1
	Motorway	14.0	8.4
Motorcycles	Urban	3.7	5.8
	Rural	2.9	2.8
	Motorway	2.5	0.7

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mg PM ₁₀ / km	Road abrasion
Cars	7.5
LGVs	7.5
HGVs	38.0
Buses	38.0
Motorcycles	3.0

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Vehicle Aggregate types	Total urban PM10/Kms
Cars (urban)	27.9
Trucks	127.1
Buses	112.8
M/cycle	12.5

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There are no minimum safe amounts

T Hydrogen Tram Urban Transport Corridor Solution ULR Vehicles



3rd Generation ULR Vehicles **are not** like the big light rail cars used in Manchester, Croydon Edinburgh or Sheffield

They would be smaller units suitable for their role of circulating passengers amongst the three town locations without dominating the city



They would stop every 75 metres or use existing 'bus stops to give short walking distances and they operate safely in pedestrian areas and in mixed traffic.

T Hydrogen Tram Urban Transport Corridor Solution

Purpose & Requirements

**Stop Road Traffic “Rat
Running” (Signage)**

**A re allocation of road space,
Green Wave traffic lights at
junctions**

**Re routing and integrating of
some bus services**

**Multiple P + R at termini and
line of route**



Hydrogen Cars,

Urban Transport Corridor Pollution

Non-Exhaust Emissions (NEE)

An urban car produces 8.7 mg of PM10 per km from tyres and 11.7 mg of PM from **Brakes**, total 20.4mg per km (approx.)

20.4mg x 10000 cars produces 2.04 tonnes per km (approx.)

An LGV produces 47.1 mg of PM10 per km from **Tyres** and 51.0 mg of PM from **Brakes** total 98.1mg (approx.)

98.1mg x 10000 LGV produces 9.10 tonnes per km (approx.)

All this PM material contributes to the air suspension swirl

There are no minimum safe amounts

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Non-Exhaust Emissions (NEE)

A PCV produces 21.2mg of PM10 per km from tyres and 51.0 mg of PM from **Brakes**, total 72.2mg (approx.)

72.2mg x 10000 PCV produces 7.22 tonnes per km (approx.)

These figures do not include road surface wear and are estimated at between + 30% especially where there are pot holes (grinding effect)

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T Hydrogen Tram Urban Transport Corridor Solution

Get Good Advisors – challenge them, stick with them!

Start public consultation early

Get a well-kent local Public Face for the project

Be willing to revise the route to support developments

Get the bus, rail and highway authorities on side

T Hydrogen Tram, Think of it as a ‘Starter Line’

Inexpensive does not have to mean cheap-and-nasty

**Think of the added “X” factor for subsequent
“UK City of Culture” type bids**



***Will Tramcar use in City and Town
Urban Transport in the near future make this a Sunrise
or a Sunset for Tramways and Urban living?***

***Doing Nothing is not an Option !
Getting it wrong is unforgiveable.***

– its your world !

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