

The Dorchester Tram



*The possible answer to air
pollution, connectivity,
congestion, regeneration
etc.,*

*A low cost VLR
tram solution*

A short presentation to the Dorchester Transport Action Group

Light Rail (UK).

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Why Trams ?

Environmental Air Quality improvements.

A growing and more productive town and inter urban economy.

Economic development and regeneration.

Modal switch & traffic reduction, current lines are failing significantly

Integrated transport across Dorchester and District

Better value for the “Public Purse”



Why Trams ?



Low-cost track –BWB 2015

Bringing more measurable benefits to rail passengers;

Achieving wider economic and social objectives of regeneration, employment, inclusion, and accessibility in the communities served by tram rails;

Tram stop and linear growth rather than station only growth

Ensuring that all steel on steel rail contributes to a sustainable development across the common transport corridors

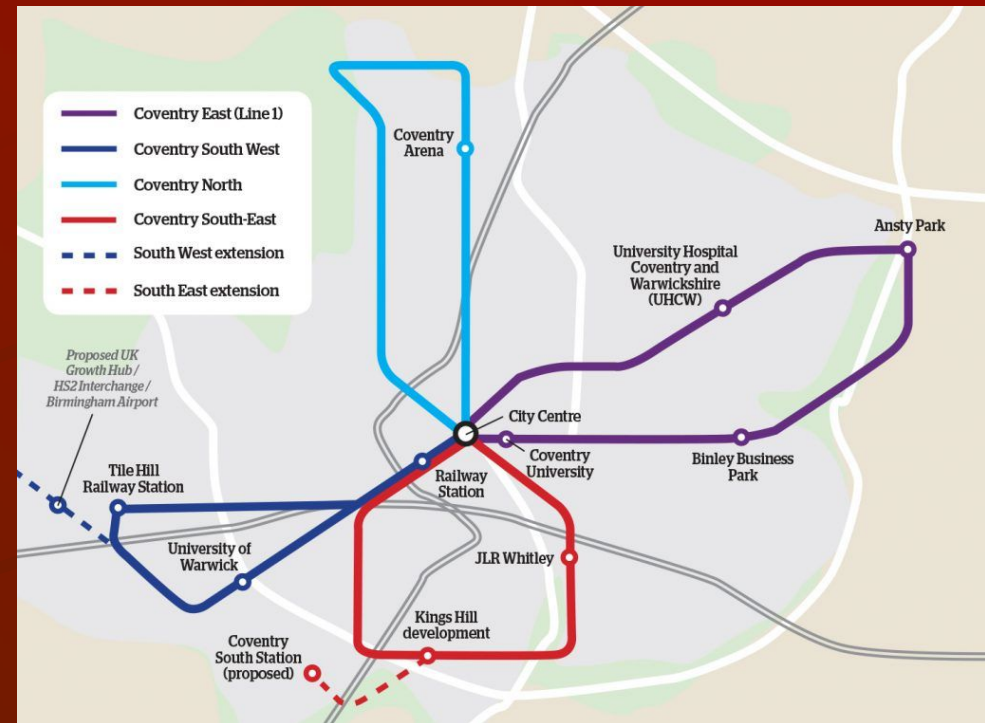
Why Trams ?

The Tram Network will :-

Improve non car access and connectivity to the two main East – West “heavy rail” corridors

Provide a greater service frequency i.e. 4-8 trams per hour,

Provide a fix low cost flexible connector corridor initiative between Yeovil, Wareham and Weymouth



Coventry ULR Shuttle map

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

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 Network Rail



Why Trams ?



The Tram Network will provide access to

Employment including industrial and logistics sites

New housing developments including denser housing without parking spaces.

Provision of cleaner air to schools and hospitals

Sports & leisure including several stadia

Heritage and tourism.

A " Rochdale Pattern" of transit behaviour, "Hop on, Hop Off"

Urban Transport Corridor Pollution

AIR QUALITY EXPERT GROUP

Non-Exhaust Emissions (NEE) from Road Traffic



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Scottish Government; Welsh Government;

Department of the Environment in Northern Ireland

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Trams where?



Urban Transport Corridor Pollution

Non-Exhaust Emissions (NEE)

Each time a tyre rotates, it loses a layer of rubber about a billionth of a metre thick.

This works out to about four million million, million carbon atoms lost with each rotation.



A busy road with 25,000 vehicles travelling

on it each day will generate

around nine kilograms of tyre dust alone per kilometre.

#ps Don't forget the

micro-plastics and Euro 7 Vehicle specifications, approx 2025

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

+

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

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Non-Exhaust Emissions (NEE)

Health Costs



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*

*Trams & TramTrain will help
prevent
Death on the Pavement
"Oslo Effect"*

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

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Benefit of Trams



Tram & TramTrain ticks all the boxes

No tail pipe emissions
Reduces the immediate pollution

Reduces death on the pavement, No
"Oslo Effect"

Year on year savings to health costs

Release funding for other health
projects etc.,

Increases the ambience of the city
streets

Improves liveability of the immediate
& surrounding area

Attracts plus footfalls

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Non-Exhaust Emissions (NEE)

Because of the high dust detritus with animal transport, many first generation tramways had a nocturnal "Water Tram". This washed away the suspension material created into the sewers
Part of a Public Health Program



There are no minimum safe amounts!

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What can it do for Growth & Regeneration ?

Small tram systems does increase the amount of development in an area and makes the linear development much more effective.

We have identified areas that the DTAG Project which could be opened up and land accessed

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 DTAG Project will enable “Network Rail” connectivity to be shared by everyone and not just those near the railway station

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Why a Hydrogen Tramcar?

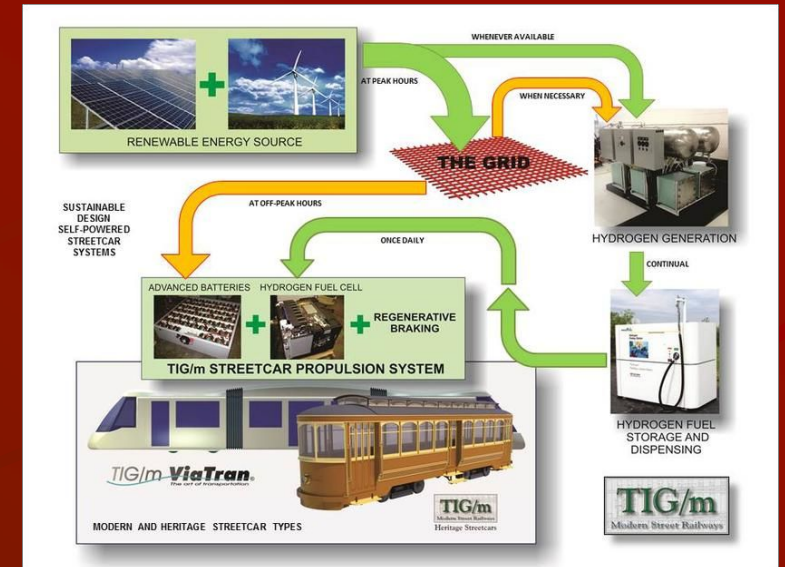
**On-site hydrogen generation.
Hydrogen compression and storage.**

Supplies local in Dorset

Hydrogen fuel dispensing, trams & trucks

On-board fuel cell generators that charge the batteries while the streetcar is in passenger service.

Energy required for up to a full 20hr. service day is carried on-board each vehicle



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<https://www.tig-m.com/videos.html>

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Tourist Trams - VLR



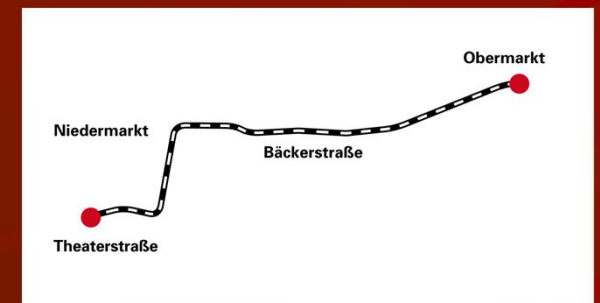
Victor Harbour S.A
180,000 passengers per year
taking 50 passengers at a time



IOM
62,000 passengers used the service
during the 2014 season.



Dobelner
Nr Chemnitz Germany
Opened 2007
Carries 500 pax per day



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Trams - VLR



Taunton Car 139012
(Tram version available)
Diesel & Flywheel
Into service Stourbridge 2023



St Petersburg Hydrogen Tram
In service 2021



Doha CNG/Hydrogen
Distributor
In service now



Dessau Bombardier OHLE
Available 2025



Preston Trampower City Class OHLE
Into service 2025

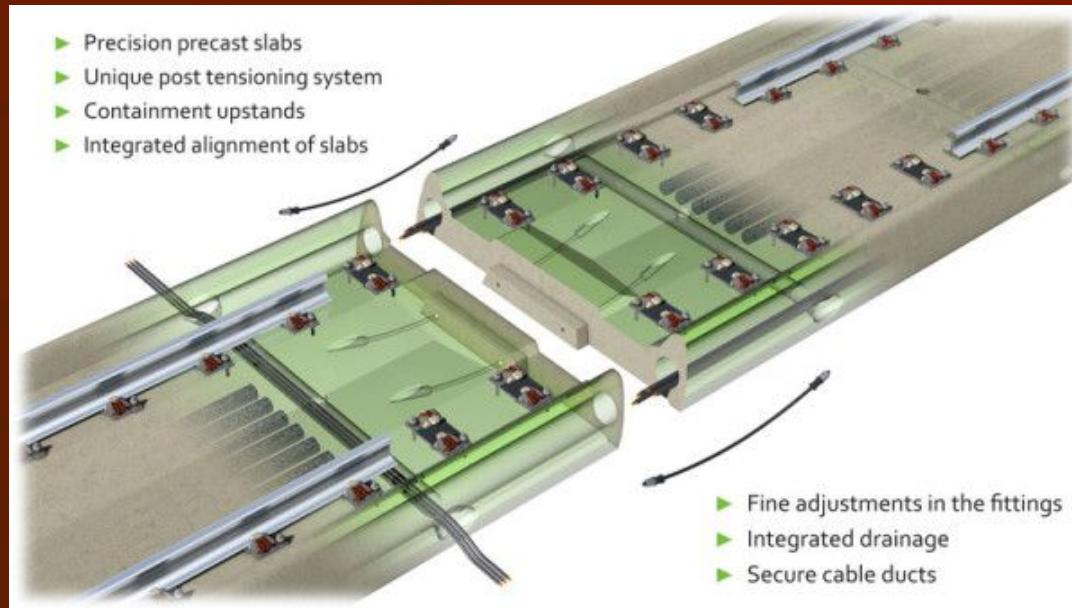


Pilzen Skoda 03T4 OHLE
Available 2025

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Track - keep it simple and quick

PCAT (Pre Cast Advanced Track)



Most utilities left in situ

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Requirements

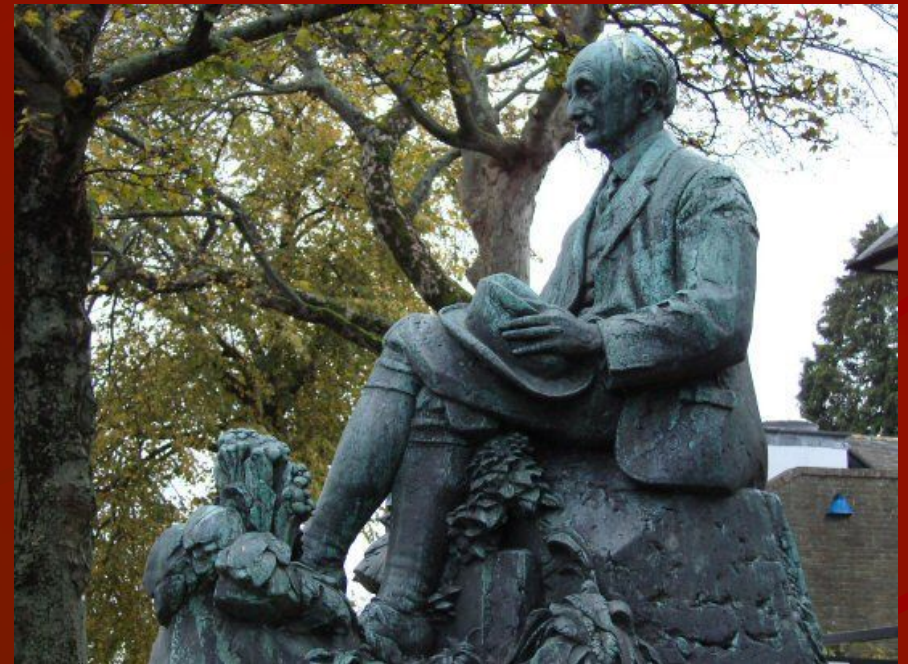
**A Statesman rather than a
Politician**

**A Cross Party willingness to
achieve goals**

**Cooperate to improve Air Quality
in**

Dorchester and District

**Improve town regeneration and
connectivity between Yeovil,
Wareham and Weymouth**



Thomas Hardy

Dorchester Transport Connector

Next Step

**A Pre Feasibility study (circa
£10000.00+)**

**The above can be used as a specification
document**

**Quotes from Tram Vehicle Manufactures,
Track Suppliers**

**Well known personality to Champion
project?**

Thank You for Listening



*Any
Questions ?*

Support documents

Support documents

[Videos \(applrguk.co.uk\)](http://applrguk.co.uk)

Hydrogen videos 1, 3, 4.

Support documents

ULTRALIGHT / VERY LIGHT RAIL

A Sustainable Public Transport Campaigning Game-Changer?

An emerging LRTA Tramforward campaigning initiative

Professor Mike Gibson MSc BA DipTP MRTPI
Chair of Lightweight Community Transport Ltd
A registered Community Benefit Society
Chair of Hove Station Neighbourhood Forum
A statutory neighbourhood planning organisation



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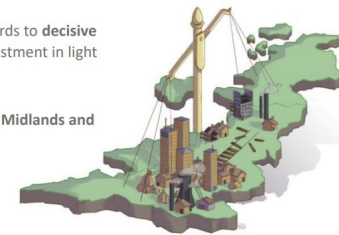
ULR-VLR CHANGING THE TERMS OF THE TRANSPORT POLICY DEBATE?

Potentially decisive 50% reduction in the cost of installing and operating tramways

The catalyst for going beyond warm ministerial words to decisive re-allocation of funding from road building to investment in light rail

Levelling up in regional terms – more trams in the Midlands and the North to go beyond warm words

Now is the time for joined up advocacy and campaigning



WHAT IS ULR-VLR?

OVERVIEW: CHARACTERISTICS

Affordable:

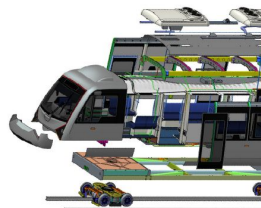
Lightweight (12-20 tonnes); shallow track (300mm)
= less disruption = lower cost @ £10m/km
60 – 200 passengers

Flexible:

On-street with traffic as low floor tram cars,
or dedicated rail with platforms.
Overhead Line / On-board Battery / Flywheel /
Hydrogen or Biomethane-powered

Climate-friendly:

Steel on steel: energy efficient, non-polluting



transportdesigninternational.com



Light Rail(UK).

(A not for profit company)

An association of :-

**Light Rail Consultants, Transport Engineers
Politicians, Academics
Environmentalists
And Others**

**Commercial specialists in low cost,
affordable & sustainable tramways**

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**Auchenshuggle Junction, Beechmore, Moore,
Warrington, Cheshire,
United Kingdom**

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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.

T57 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

Urban Transport Corridor Pollution

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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T57 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

DTAG, 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 !

Apollo June 1996