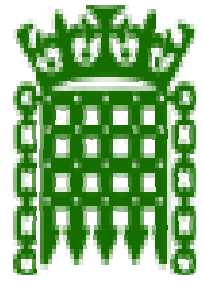


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Free wifi rolled out on all Metrolink trams



March 30, 2015

Free, superfast wifi has been rolled out on to every tram on the Metrolink network.

The completion of the £1.7m scheme means that all Metrolink passengers can now surf the web for free by connecting with the network

The project has been run by Manchester City Council, Salford City Council and Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM), with funding from Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK), part of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

Councillor Andrew Fender, chair of the TfGM Committee, said: "Metrolink is not only the largest light rail network in the UK, but now also the first light railway in England to become fully wifi capable, symbolising the region's digital ambitions.

"With over 30 million passenger trips made on Metrolink every year, this will help hundreds of thousands of people make the best use of their travel time with quick and simple access to free wifi."

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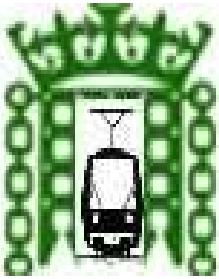
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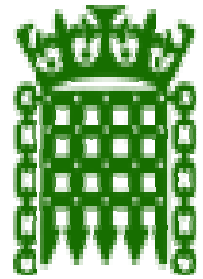


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Sir Richard Leese, leader of Manchester City Council, said: "Creating a powerful, nationally significant network of free, high quality Wifi services across Manchester is another step towards achieving our goal for Manchester to be a world-leading digital city by 2020.

"We can now offer superfast, free internet connectivity close to people's homes all over Manchester and have also greatly enhanced our city centre coverage, creating the largest on-street network in the country for our residents, visitors and businesses.

"This scheme will bring huge social benefits and help to support the continued growth of the city's economy."

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