

08.00 DOORS OPEN, EVENT REGISTRATION, EXHIBITION AND NETWORKING

- 09.15 Introduction and opening remarks**
Ian Brown CBE: Chairman
- 09.25 Keynote address: Welcome to the 17th Annual UK Light Rail Conference**
Councillor Martin Gannon: Leader of Gateshead Council
- 09.35** Tobyn Hughes: Managing Director, Transport North East
- 10.00** Martin Kearney: Managing Director, Nexus
- 10.15** Andy Burnham: Mayor of Greater Manchester

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- 11.15** Anne Shaw: Executive Director, Transport for West Midlands
- 11.40 Trams - Buses on rails?**
Sam Daw: Assurance and Technical Director, Thales Ground Transportation Services
Martin Smart: Systems Engineering Manager, Thales Ground Transportation Services
- 12.05 Coventry VLR: Delivering the UK's first urban VLR demonstration line**
Nicola Small: Senior Programme Manager, Coventry City Council
- 12.30 Transport Design International: Innovations in Urban VLR**
Darren Smith: Group Commercial Director, Transport Design International Group

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- 11.00 Hall B welcome and opening remarks**
David Keay: Director, Railway & Tramway Engineering Ltd.
- 11.10 Innovation on the world's largest legacy tram network**
Adele McCarthy: Chief Development Officer, Yarra Trams (operated by Keolis Downer)
- 11.35 Mobilising South Yorkshire's Tram for Public Control**
Pat Beijer: Director of Public Transport Development, South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority
- 12.00 Using light rail infrastructure as a catalyst to re-think placemaking in the urban environment for Bologna**
Paolo Marchetti: Technical Director, Systra Bologna
- 12.25 Using Big Data to improve the passenger experience**
Chris Bax: Strategic Director, Citi Logik at Amey Consulting

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- 14.00 From heavy weight to light weight: Time to start punching upwards**
Chris Wright: Managing Director of Nottingham Trams
- 14.20 Blackpool Transport: Keeping our people and customers safe**
Jane Cole: Managing Director, Blackpool Transport Services
- 14.45 Tram-Train**
Rob Carroll: Mott MacDonald

- 14.00 An asset management system is not just for Christmas**
Tim Kay: Head of Asset Management Advisory, TXM Consult
- 14.25 Safety Verification Southend Pier - A new train introduction**
Hugh O'Neill: Senior Consultant, Frazer-Nash Consultancy
- 14.50 EFS: your light rail network in your hands**
Gerald Clariana: Project Engineer, Kruch Railway Innovations

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15.15 The future of light rail – PANEL DISCUSSION

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16.00 REFRESHMENTS, NETWORKING AND EXHIBITION

16.30 TECHNICAL TOURS TBC

19.30 EVENING ACTIVITIES AT BY THE RIVER BREW

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Ian Brown CBE: Chairman

09.15 MetroLink: Its future in Manchester's B network

Danny Vaughan: Head of Metrolink, Transport for Greater Manchester

09.40 Leeds: Will the stars line up for us now?

Luke Albanese: Director of Mass Transit, West Yorkshire Combined Authority

10.05 Qatar 2022 FIFA World Cup: RKH's recipe for operational excellence

Leonard Baldwin: Service Delivery Director, RKH Qitarat

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11.15 Supporting a sustainable business development dynamic in Lyon

Mike Muldoon: Business Development Director, Systra

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11.40 UnbeLEAFable? Tram projects as part of responsible and sustainable urban development

Maria Ion: Project Director MMA, Colas Rail UK

12.05 Finding solutions that balance low-tech and high-tech for improved safety performance

Mark Davis: General Manager, London Trams, Transport for London

12.30 Revealing the layers of Fatigue Risk Management- Our Journey

Ben Groome: Operations Director, Tram Operations Ltd

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14.00 Edinburgh: The next five years

Hannah Ross: Senior Responsible Officer, City of Edinburgh Council

14.25 Edinburgh: Managing the extension

Lea Harrison: Managing Director, Edinburgh Trams

14.50 Supporting Parramatta: An expandd light rail system for Sydney's River City

Brendan Baker: Built Environment Account Lead, Mott MacDonald

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15.15 Revolution VLR - The Future is Very Light Rail

Tim Burleigh: Head of External Relations, Eversholt Rail

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15.40 How do we move Very Light Rail forward in the UK? - PANEL DISCUSSION

Panel host: Colin Walton, Mainspring

Tim Burleigh: Head of External Relations, Eversholt Rail

Darren Smith: Group Commercial Manager, Transport Design International Group

Mike Smith: Programme Director, Network Rail

David Sexton: Rail Investment Strategy Manager DFT

Elaine Clark: CEO, Rail Forum

Bridget Eickhoff, Principal Infrastructure Engineer, RSSB

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16.25 Conference closing remarks

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17.30 CLOSE OF THE 17TH ANNUAL UK LIGHT RAIL CONFERENCE

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David Keay: Director, Railway & Tramway Engineering Ltd.

09.20 Implementing a just culture to enable learning

Adam Johns: Head of Organisational Learning and Safety Innovation, KeolisAmey Docklands

Mike Turner: Head of Train Services, KeolisAmey Docklands

09.40 Innovation – Driving development

James Hammett: Managing Director, UKTram

10.05 Decarbonising railways with AI using Rail Decarb.

Maxine Stagnitto: Traction Power Team Leader, Mott MacDonald

10.25 Bosch Rail Assistance Systems

Dr. Ruprecht Anz: Product Manager, Bosch Engineering

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11.25 Metro Flow: Buying, building and regulating a railway

Tom Hardwick: Head of System Development, Nexus

11.45 Managing Light Rail Interfaces: An Operations Perspective

Alex Dodds: Light Rail Knowledge Manager, Network Rail

Peter Stout: Service Delivery Manager, Nexus

12.05 Advances in tramway, overhead line and pantograph monitoring

Howard Parkinson: Director, Digital Transport

12.25 Steve Cockerell: Director Industry Marketing for Rail and Transit, Bentley Systems (UK)

12.45 A new way to approach the LRT Supply Chain

Matt Johnston: Managing Director, Mainspring

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14.00 Tranvía Zaragoza: Digitisation and autonomous driving

Marcos Espanol: Communications Manager, Los Tranvias de Zaragoza

14.25 Big data in light rail railway operations, planning, and maintenance

Andy Willetts: Principal Consultant, Amey Consulting

14.50 How do we streamline the TWA process?

Helen Robinson: Managing Associate, Womble Bond Dickinson

15.15 Hall B Closing remarks

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