

LIGHT RAIL

# SUMMIT

2021  
EDINBURGH

Presented by **UKTram** & **LRSSB** on Thursday 23rd September

The voice of light rail

Light Rail Safety and Standards Board



## Light Rail Summit 2021

## Welcome Pack



## It's Light Rail's Time...

**As we emerge from the coronavirus pandemic, light rail networks across the UK face many challenges, but it is also a time of great opportunity – a time to engineer a dynamic future strategy for the sector to ensure it fulfils its potential.**

This year's UKTram summit is geared towards sharpening up our approach to Government to press the case for a robust and progressive programme for the expansion of light rail as part of an integrated public transport solution.

As the Government pursues its 'building back better' agenda, UKTram firmly believes our sector has a crucial role to play in creating a transport network which can help boost economic recovery, improve connectivity and reduce carbon emissions.



*James Hammett*  
*Managing Director UKTram*

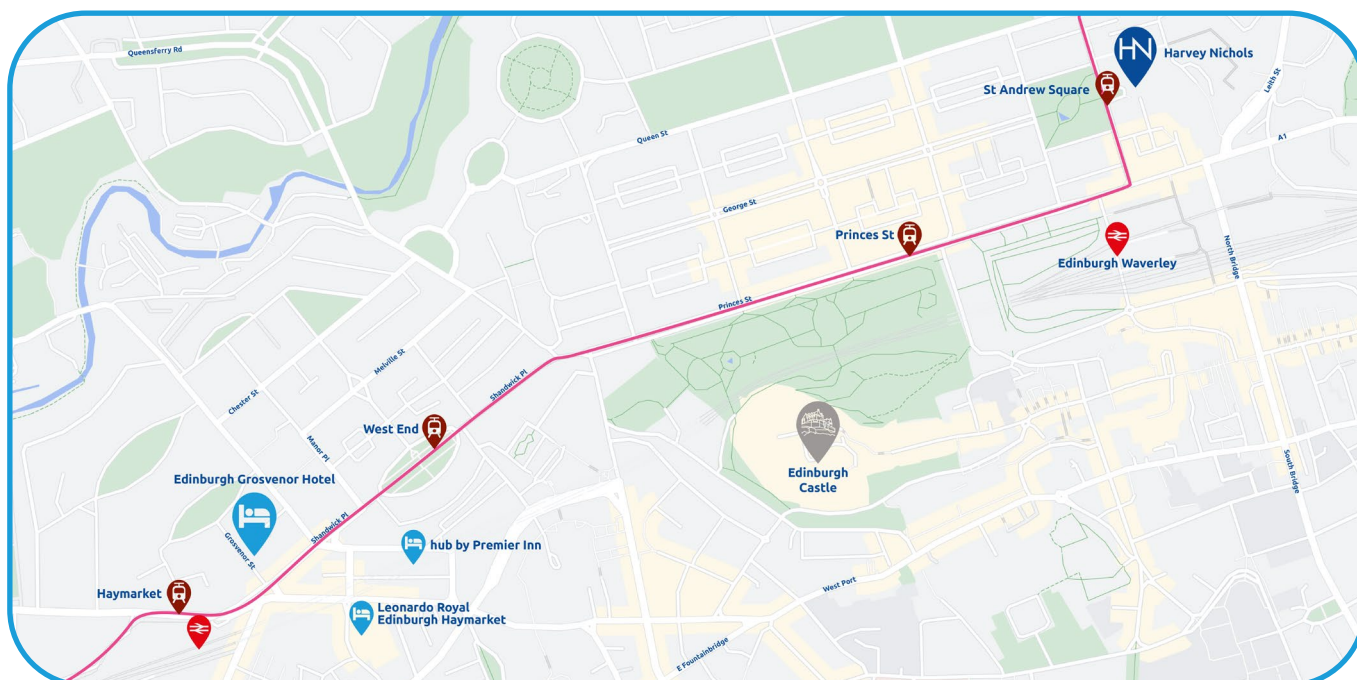
During the day we will also be hearing updates on a project to expand the use of technology to further improve light rail safety and also plans to establish recognised standards for careers within the sector. In addition, we will be taking a deeper dive into progress on tramway extension projects which are currently underway.

Thank you for joining us for this key event on the UKTram calendar and, together, we hope we can create a platform which demonstrates that this really is light rail's time.



## The Venue

We can't wait to welcome you to this year's Light Rail Summit on Thursday 23rd September 2021. Edinburgh Trams have kindly allowed delegates free tram travel throughout their stay, including transfers from Edinburgh Airport. A separate tram pass has been sent with this email. You can print the pass out before you travel or just show it on your phone, if asked by a member of Edinburgh Trams staff.



The Summit venue is The Edinburgh Grosvenor Hotel and can be found at **5-21 Grosvenor Street, Edinburgh. EH12 5EF** and is conveniently situated next to Haymarket rail station and tram stop. A contact telephone number of the hotel is **0131 226 6001**

Once inside the reception area, follow the signs to The Roseberry Suite.

### Some Covid-19 rules still remain in Scotland and we will always follow the current Scottish Government Guidance. This includes:

- Please continue to wear a face covering when entering and moving around the hotel. Once you are seated in the Roseberry Suite you are welcome to remove your face covering. Exemptions apply as not everyone is able to wear one.
- Please regularly use the hand sanitisers positioned around the hotel and on the tables.
- Please cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing.
- You will be required to scan the QR codes at the hotel to register for the NHS Test and Protect scheme.
- Please do not attend the venue if you have any symptoms of Covid-19. For more information and the latest guidance visit **[www.nhsinform.scot](http://www.nhsinform.scot)**
- For your own piece of mind, you may want to take a Covid-19 test using a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) before attending this event, although this is not mandatory and you will not be asked to provide the result.

# Summit Agenda

Thursday 23rd September

## Registration

9:30am

### Morning Session: 10:00am

#### Welcome to Edinburgh and this year's UKTram & LRSSB Light Rail Summit

*George Lowder MBE, CEO Transport for Edinburgh and Chair of UKTram*

**UKTram Light Rail Strategy** - a far-reaching vision for the future of light rail  
*George Lowder MBE, Chair of UKTram and CEO Transport for Edinburgh*

#### Keolis: An international perspective on light rail

*Alistair Gordon, CEO Keolis UK*

#### Urban Transport Group: Making an effective case for light rail

*Jonathan Bray, Director at the Urban Transport Group*

#### UKTram Light Rail Strategy - The next steps

*James Hammett, Managing Director UKTram*

Followed by a chance to give your feedback and any questions on the future of light rail in the UK to our panel of speakers.

#### Role of light rail in the Restoring Your Railway programme

*Ian Ambrose and Simon Coulthard, Network Rail*

#### UK Light Rail Scheme Updates

- Trams to Newhaven
- West Midlands Metro - Bull Street Delta Junction and Corporation Street Track Replacement

## Lunch

12:45pm – 1:30pm

### Afternoon Session: 1:30pm

#### Welcome back followed by UKTram Update

*James Hammett, Managing Director UKTram*

#### The launch of Permit+ - automating the issue to Authority to Work permits

*Jamie Swift, Marketing and Commercial Manager UKTram*

#### Focus+ - progress report as Delivery Package 3 trials commence

*Neil Clark, CEO IHF Limited*

#### Light Rail Safety and Standards Board update

*Carl Williams, CEO LRSSB*

#### 'Hot Topics' – a short update from UKTram Working Groups

- **UKTram Executive Group** -  
*Danny Vaughan*
- **UKTram Centre of Excellence** -  
*Mathew Taylor*
- **LRSSB Heads of Safety Group** -  
*Mark Ashmore*
- **UKTram Engineering Group** -  
*Ian Middlemiss & Craig O'Brien*
- **UKTram Operations Group** -  
*Mike Mabey & Steve Duckering*

Followed by your questions, comments and feedback

#### Closing remarks

*George Lowder MBE, CEO Transport for Edinburgh and Chair of UKTram*



## 'Networking Night' Drinks Reception

We want to offer delegates the chance to unwind and network with colleagues from across the sector in a relaxed setting over drinks and canapes.



So please join us from 6:00pm at the fourth floor Brasserie in the city's famous Harvey Nichols department store in St Andrew Square. With the tram stop right outside the doors, admission to the reception is included in the cost of attending the summit.

## Friday 24th September – Trams to Newhaven extension

**Delegates are invited to see first-hand progress on the construction of this 4.69km route from York Place through Leith and past Ocean Terminal to the Newhaven terminus.**

A map will guide you along the route and the Trams to Newhaven team will be on hand at various locations to answer any questions. The walk will remain on the public highway and there will be no access to any worksites, so protective clothing is NOT required. Delegates can walk as far down the route as they wish, numerous Lothian bus services run back to the city centre and link with the tram at York Place or Princes Street.

*Please register your interest for the tour either as you arrive at the Summit or during the lunch break. You'll then be given the meeting point location and start time.*

*We need to ensure your safety and that of the local community at all times. So we respectfully request that delegates do not walk along in large groups or stop and block the public highway whilst looking at the works or taking photographs.*





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