

# Friends of the Earth welcome the decision on Edinburgh trams

Friends of the Earth Scotland has responded to reports that the City of Edinburgh Council [has voted to continue with the Edinburgh trams project](#) last night.

✘ Stan Blackley, Chief Executive of Friends of the Earth Scotland, who led a deputation to the full meeting of the Council this morning had urged Councillors to “be bold, be brave, be sensible” and to “help create the beginnings of a 21st Century transport network for our capital city”.

Stan Blackley, Chief Executive of Friends of the Earth Scotland, said:

“This decision is the right one for Edinburgh. The trams will, once delivered, reduce car journeys and traffic congestion, improve on-street air quality and reduce pollution levels, and help to cut carbon emissions. The decision to take the initial tram line to St. Andrew’s Square is plain common sense, and I applaud those City of Edinburgh Councillors who saw sense and voted for this.”