

VIDEO – Edinburgh Trams put through their paces



Organisers of today's Exercise Salvador event have paid tribute to members of the public for their help and enthusiasm.

Around 1,000 volunteers enrolled for the exercise, which was designed to evaluate crowd management procedures at the Murrayfield Stadium tram stop.

Before entering full passenger service, Edinburgh Trams needs to undertake a number of realistic exercises to test operational and safety procedures.

The event involved participants enact various crowd management scenarios at the stadium tram stop and also gave them the opportunity of a round trip tram journey between Haymarket Yards and Edinburgh Airport.

Councillor Lesley Hinds, Transport Convener, said: "We're immensely grateful to everyone who volunteered to help us with Exercise Salvador today. Testing out different scenarios is a vital part of the plans and preparations for any major new public transport system and today's exercise was an extremely useful stage in the lead-up to passenger services starting in May."

Tom Norris, Edinburgh Trams Director & General Manager, said: "On behalf of everyone at Edinburgh Trams, huge thanks are due to all the volunteers who took part in today's Exercise Salvador crowd management tests at Murrayfield. Your enthusiasm and cooperation helped us greatly in carrying out the different requirements of the exercise."

“We have learned a lot from Exercise Salvador and will now use these observations to ensure we have the best possible procedures in place to manage crowd numbers on to the Edinburgh Trams system.”

