Trams ready for passengers from tomorrow

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Edinburgh Trams held their official launch this morning and the sun shone!

The tram carried the Lord Provost, the Transport Minister, councillors and VIP guests out to the airport and back. Tomorrow the first service from the Gyle Shopping Centre at 5am will carry the very first passengers to York Place, and then the trams will continue in accordance with their timetable. There are understandably some nerves on the part of the tram company but the training and testing has all now been done and it is time for the people of Edinburgh to get on board.

There are 15 tram stops, in order from west to east: Edinburgh International Airport, Ingliston Park & Ride, Gogarburn, Gyle Centre, Edinburgh Park Central, Edinburgh Park Station, Bankhead, Saughton, Balgreen, Murrayfield Stadium, Haymarket, West End-Princes Street, Princes Street, St Andrew Square, York Place.

At this stage, the journey time from the Airport to the city centre will be approximately 34 minutes, however timetables may be reviewed after the first few weeks of passenger service.

Trams will run every 8-10 minutes Monday to Saturday between 05:29 (York Place) and 23:08 (York Place). Trams will run every 12-15 minutes on a Sunday between 05:29 (York Place) and 22:58 (York Place).