

2025 SUMMIT AGENDA

THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2025

IET Birmingham: Austin Court, 80 Cambridge St, Birmingham, B1 2NP

08:30 - 09:30	Registration, Networking & Refreshments
09:30 - 09:50	Welcome & Opening Remarks- Stephen Edwards, UKTram Chair
09:50 - 10:10	UKTram Update - James Hammett, UKTram Managing Director
10:10 - 10:30	Combined Smart Ticketing & Nexus Update - Andy Bairstow, Head of Business Change, Tyne and Wear
10:30 - 10:50	Rough Sleeping on Public Transport - Saffron Gurden, Outreach Project
10:50 - 11:20	Refreshment Break
11:20 - 11:40	Our Collaborative Plans - Elaine Clark, Rail Forum & UKTram
11:40 - 12:00	Young Rail Professional's Empowering the Next Generation of Light Rail - Sam Riley, Head of Corporate Relations, Young Rail Professionals
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch & Networking
13:00 - 13:20	LRSSB Strategy Update - Carl Williams, CEO, LRSSB
13:20 - 13:50	LRSSB Activity Update - Laura Reardon, Head of Safety Management, Mark Ashmore, Head of Safety and Assurance & Craig O'Brien, Head of Engineering Safety & Innovation, LRSSB
13:50 - 14:10	LUAS System Update - Dave Rooney, Operational Director, TransDev LUAS
14:10 - 14:30	An Introduction to International Institute of Obsolescence (IOM) and Proactive Obsolescence or Design for OM - Manu Grundy, The International Institute of Obsolescence Management
14:30 - 14:50	Refreshment Break
14:50 - 15:10	Climate Change Adaptation for the Tram and Light Rail Sectors - Rachel Harcourt, Head of Rail Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience, Department for Transport
15:10 - 15:40	Quiz - James Hammett, UKTram Managing Director
15:40 - 16:00	Closing Remarks - James Hammett, UKTram Managing Director

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By Tram

The tram journey time is approximately five minutes from Grand Central station. The tram will depart from the Grand Central Midland Metro stop and you will need to alight at the Library Centenary Square Metro stop.

From the Library Centenary Square Metro stop, it is roughly a 5 min walk to the venue.

Parking

There is very limited parking at IET Birmingham: Austin Court.

If the car park is full, the nearest parking is at the National Indoor Arena. It is Pay-and-Display.

There is limited street parking (meters) in side streets opposite the NIA, also on the south side of Broad St (A456).

Other car parks are just past the Birmingham Rep between Cambridge St and Broad Street, and at the end of Cambridge St at the junction of Summer Row (A457), the entrance is in Brindley Drive.



Drinks Reception/Networking, 16:00 - 19:00

Please join us for a drinks reception at The Malt House directly after the UKTram Summit. The Malt House is located next door to Austin Court and will be the perfect opportunity to network with other industry experts. A hot buffet will be served to all guests.

Hotels

Please find below a list of hotels that are within walking distance from the Summit venue. These are just a select few, there are plenty of other options. Click the links below to book your room now.



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