

Celebrating excellence and innovation at the 2021 Global Light Rail Awards

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Guests from around the world gathered in person to celebrate another year of outstanding achievement at the 2021 Global Light Rail Awards—held at London’s Honourable Artillery Company on Wednesday 6th October.

Now in its 15th year, the sector’s ‘Oscars’, the judging panel deliberated over almost 100 entries across 17 categories for this year’s event, noting that “this is yet another tough year to select the winners from so many excellent entries.

There is so much sparkle between them and so many interesting and innovative things here for us all to take away; it really is inspiring.”

The event, organised by Mainspring and supported by industry publication Tramways & Urban Transit, was hosted once again by respected broadcaster and journalist Nicholas Owen.

The headline supporter for 2021 was London Trams operator Tram Operations Limited, with category sponsors from many disciplines across the sector.

Global Light Rail Awards Director Matt Johnston added: “In what has been an enormously challenging year for everyone, it was amazing to see the leading figures of the industry in person.

“Despite the challenges of the past 18 months, the innovation, hard work and ingenuity within the sector has continued at a pace which all the judges agreed was staggering. All this year’s entrants have proven that our colleagues across the world have the ability to be at the forefront of mobility in the years to come.”



2021 HONOR ROLL

BEST ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE

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HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Metro de Sevilla – Carbon neutral in 2020

WINNER:

Keolis Lyon – Global Environmental and Energy Management

BEST CUSTOMER INITIATIVE

WINNER: Metro de Sevilla – Telmo

WINNER: Nexus – Reassure, Remind, Recover

SIGNIFICANT SAFETY INITIATIVE

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HIGHLY COMMENDED:

LRSSB – Risk Management Framework

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

KeolisAmey Metrolink – Zero Harm Vision

WINNER: Tranvía de Zaragoza –

Passengers Health Plan in the COVID and post-COVID era

TECHNICAL INNOVATION OF THE YEAR (INFRASTRUCTURE)

HIGHLY COMMENDED: LRSSB – Online Reference Library

HIGHLY COMMENDED: UKTram/Edinburgh Trams – PERMIT+

WINNER:

Metrotenerife – Removable Insulating chamber for grooved rails

TECHNICAL INNOVATION OF THE YEAR (ROLLING STOCK)

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Tram Operations Limited – Correct Side Door Enabling (CSDE)

WINNER: Nexus – Digital Fleet Consultation

SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR

HIGHLY COMMENDED: Cordant Cleaning Services

WINNER: Brodie Engineering

MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR

HIGHLY COMMENDED: CAF

WINNER: Stadler

PROJECT OF THE YEAR <€50M

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Keolis Nottingham – NET track replacement

WINNER: Network Rail Tram-Train Learning Hub

PROJECT OF THE YEAR >€50M

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HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Midland Metro Alliance – Birmingham Westside Metro Extension

WINNER: Moscow Tramway – Network Infrastructure renewals

OUTSTANDING ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

HIGHLY COMMENDED: RKH Qatara – VOB mounting redesign

WINNER: Midland Metro Alliance –

Birmingham Eastside Metro Extension Delta Junction

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Dan Jordan – Crew Supervisor, Midland Metro Limited

WINNER: Adrian Rowe – HSQE Manager, MPT

TEAM OF THE YEAR

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HIGHLY COMMENDED:

UKTram – COVID-19 Response Team

HIGHLY COMMENDED: Morrison Energy Services/

Turner & Townsend – Trams to Newhaven Swept Path Team

WINNER: Keolis Hyderabad – Pandemic response

RISING STAR

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HIGHLY COMMENDED: Anna Barraud – KeolisAmey Metrolink

HIGHLY COMMENDED: Andrew Laville – Midland Metro Limited

WINNER: Marta Gasch Bielsa – Midland Metro Alliance

MOST IMPROVED SYSTEM

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HIGHLY COMMENDED: West Midlands Metro

WINNER: Blackpool Tramway

OPERATOR OF THE YEAR

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HIGHLY COMMENDED: KeolisAmey Metrolink

WINNER: KeolisAmey Docklands

VISION OF THE YEAR

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Keolis Downer/Yarra Trams – Network Transformation Roadmap

WINNER: Mott MacDonald – Wellbeing Impact Evaluation (WELLIE)

JUDGES' SPECIAL AWARD

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WINNER: Andres Munoz de Dios

WINNER: Mike Mabey

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LIGHT RAIL AWARDS**

ENTRIES OPEN: APRIL 2022

CEREMONY: 5 OCTOBER 2021

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