

Nexus showcases new Metro fleet project at UK Light Rail Conference in Gateshead

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Nexus is supporting and exhibiting at the 2021 UK Light Rail Conference, which is taking place in Newcastle-Gateshead.

The prestigious two-day event, July 13-14, is the fifteenth running of this international congress and exhibition that brings together professionals from across the public transport sector to share experience and best practice.

Nexus, the public body which owns and manages Metro, is exhibiting its exciting Metro Futures project, which is a £362m programme that will see the existing Metro train fleet completely replaced and a new Metro train depot constructed.

The conference, which is being held at Hilton Newcastle-Gateshead, brings together the sector's leading figures and key opinion-formers for two days of open and honest debate.

Managing Director Transport North East, Tobyn Hughes, said: "It is my great pleasure to welcome the UK light rail conference to North East England.

"This prestigious event was first launched 15 years-ago to share best practice and bring together industry leaders across Britain and Europe.

"It seems fitting that now is the time for our region to host the event as we prepare for the introduction of

a new fleet of trains for the Tyne and Wear Metro. This is alongside a whole host of other major transport investments.

“As well as receiving presentations from the Tyne and Wear Metro, the conference will also hear how transport is part of the economic recovery of this region.”

Chief Operating Officer at Nexus, Martin Kearney, said: “It’s really exciting that our region is hosting the UK light rail conference. It’s a fantastic opportunity to share best practice with colleagues from this country and from across Europe.

“It’s a chance for Nexus showcase our own Metro system and share our exciting investment plans for the future.”

At a time when the industry has never needed a greater requirement for continuity and stability, the event includes insightful and interactive presentations and debates, over 40 top-level speakers, and a busy exhibition of leading suppliers and service providers.

Delegates will learn first-hand the lessons from the Tyne and Wear Metro’s major renewals programme, as well as gaining insights into the next exciting phases of Metro fleet replacement project, infrastructure modernisation work and future expansion plans.

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