

Report highlights light rail safety enhancing projects from past year

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A new report has highlighted the successful delivery of a wide range of projects aimed at further enhancing light rail safety over the past 12 months.

From the publication of updated guidance documents to the development of a comprehensive risk management model, the Light Rail Safety and Standards Board has met all its key objectives for 2021/2022 – despite the impact of Covid-19 restrictions.

In its latest annual report, the organisation's Chief Executive, Carl Williams, also sets out the steps taken to implement recommendations made by the Rail Accident Investigation Branch following its investigation into the Sandilands accident.

“At the same time, we have carried out an extensive review of existing Tramway Principles and Guidance document – the cornerstone of light rail safety,” he said.

“This has been done alongside the publication of 19 individual guidance documents, now available in our growing, online reference library, that draw on expertise from across the sector.”

Available to download [here](#), the annual report also illustrates how the LRSSB has invested in research and development focussed on new technologies that will ensure the sector remains focussed on existing and emerging risks.

“All this has been achieved while helping to lead on the sector’s response to the pandemic, promoting best practice that has helped operators keep customers and employees safe,” Mr Williams continued. “As a result, we needed to prioritise some activities, but to deliver nearly 90 per cent of our original plan for the year represents an outstanding achievement.

“This contribution to light rail safety has already been recognised by the Office of Rail and Road in its recent report into the LRSSB’s work to date, and we are now looking forward to an ambitious delivery programme that will be outlined in our next business plan, due for publication later this month,” he added.