

UKTram and LRSSB on track for prestigious awards

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UKTram and the organisation responsible for light rail safety are in the running for multiple awards at a high-profile event celebrating excellence across the sector.

Between them, the Light Rail Safety and Standards Board and UKTram are shortlisted in six categories at the Global Light Rail Awards, thanks to a series of successful projects that have helped to support the sector through the coronavirus pandemic, boost safety and raise professional standards.

James Hammett, UKTram Managing Director, commented: “To be amongst the finalists in so many categories at the awards is testament to the hard work of everyone at UKTram and the LRSSB during a year that has been challenging for everyone.

“With the support of our members, the restrictions resulting from the pandemic have not prevented us from pressing forward on a wide range of innovative projects that are set to deliver a wealth of benefits to the wider light rail sector.”

UKTram impressed judges with its World Cup of Trams in the Best Customer Initiative category, and the

organisation is also a contender for Team of the Year for supporting tramways and similar urban transit systems through the pandemic.

Meanwhile the work of the Light Rail Safety and Standards Board to develop a comprehensive risk management framework and an online reference library has been recognised with its inclusion on the Best Safety Initiative and Technical Innovation shortlists.

Carl Williams, LRSSB Chief Executive, said: “We’re delighted that these projects have caught the attention of judges.

“By standardising the way incidents are reported and recorded, the risk management framework will help operators to identify and mitigate against risks while the online reference library has been designed to grow into an essential resource for sector professionals requiring swift and easy access to safety documentation.”

The two organisations are also jointly represented in the Vision of the Year category, for developing National Occupational Standards, while UKTram has teamed up with Edinburgh Trams on a project that’s revolutionising authority to work processes and is shortlisted for a Technical Innovation award.

The award winners are set to be announced at a gala event in London on Wednesday, October 6.

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