

# Very Light Rail: Transport Solutions for the Future

## AGENDA

9:00 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

### Session 1

9:30

#### Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Archie MacPherson, CEO WMG HVM Catapult
- Cllr Jim O'Boyle, Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration, Coventry City Council

9:45

#### Keynote Address – The need for change

- Steve Berry, Head, Highways Maintenance Branch, Local Transport Funding and Growth Division, Department for Transport

10:05

#### What is Very Light Rail and what does it offer?

- Nick Mallinson, Programme Manager VLR, WMG

10:25

#### Coventry Very Light Rail project

- Colin Knight, Director of Transportation and Highways, Coventry City Council
- Nicola Small, Programme Manager for VLR, Coventry City Council
- Grant McKelvie, Commercial Director, Coventry City Council
- Cost of Urban Very Light Rail, Andrew Stamps, Rider Levett Bucknall

11:00 COFFEE AND NETWORKING

### Session 2

11:30

#### The Very Light Rail National Innovation Centre

- Alan Lunt, Strategic Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive, Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

11:50

#### Very Light Rail Revolution project – the foundations for Coventry VLR

- Tim Burleigh, Head of External Relations, Eversholt Rail
- Martin Pemberton, Managing Director, TDI

12:15

#### VLR as part of the future West Midlands transport ecosystem

- Mike Waters, Director of Policy, Strategy and Innovation, Transport for West Midlands

12:30

#### What standards will apply to VLR systems and how will approval be achieved?

- Bridget Eickhoff, Principal Infrastructure Engineer, RSSB

12:45

#### LUNCH & NETWORKING DRINKS

Session 3

13:45

#### What is best practice for delivery of a safe VLR system?

- Peter Howarth, Independent Competent Person for the Coventry Very Light Rail project

14:00

#### How VLR can inform and complement traditional rail

- Rory Dickerson, Senior Engineer for Traction & Rolling Stock, Network Rail

14:15

#### Accessible urban rail solutions and the UK housing gap

Robin Butler, Managing Director, Urban and Civic plc

14:30

#### Panel Q&A

15:15

#### Closing remarks

- Nick Mallinson, WMG

15:20

#### COFFEE AND NETWORKING

- Tours of WMG and drop in sessions with experts

16:00

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