

Projects gather pace as 'road map' published

Since our last newsletter, the government's 'road map' for the easing of coronavirus restrictions has been widely welcomed, although the current restrictions haven't prevented the LRSSB from making significant progress on a range of projects.

One significant move has been the publication of an updated version of the Tramways Principles and Guidance (LRG 1.0) document on the LRSSB web portal.

Following a routine review, revisions to the document take into account new guidance published by the LRSSB, as well as ensuring names and dates and other content are still relevant.

Plans have also been put in place for a more comprehensive revision and restructuring of LRG1.0 as part of our future business planning.

Throughout the process, we'll look to engage with all stakeholders to ensure the revised document captures knowledge and experience from

across the sector and, once completed, it will provide a comprehensive guide to tramway principles that's informative, relevant, and intuitive.

We will of course continue to advise the sector on the progress of the project through the LRSSB website and committee sub-groups, and we look forward to receiving your continued support.

This work will be carried out alongside a wide range of other initiatives that are gathering momentum, and you can find out more about some of them in this latest edition of our newsletter.

Carl Williams
LRSSB Chief Executive



Consultation launched on medical fitness document



Safety professionals from across the light rail sector are helping to develop comprehensive, up-to-date guidance covering the management of workplace medical fitness.

Drawing on existing best practice, current legislation and risk assessments from

light rail operators and related sectors, it aims to provide guidance for assessing the medical suitability of employees responsible for operating a vehicle.

Mark Ashmore, Safety Assurance Manager at the LRSSB, explained that the new document is now being reviewed by colleagues from across the sector and a lot of positive feedback has already been received.

"Once this consultation is complete, a final version of the document, designated LRG11.0 Medical Fitness, will be available on the LRSSB website and provide a valuable resource for anyone managing health and safety in a light rail environment," he said.

The approved guidance is expected to be published by the LRSSB in the spring and you can read more [here](#).

Board appointment

The latest addition to the LRSSB board is expected to be announced in the next few weeks.

The organisation recently invited nominations for an unpaid Non-Executive Director to represent light rail operators and is now considering a number of high-calibre candidates.

A further update is expected following the LRSSB's board meeting in April.

Stray current guidance published

New guidance aimed at reducing and managing the risks associated with stray electrical currents on tramways and other light rail systems has been published by the LRSSB.

Drawing on a wide range of existing British and International standards and sector expertise, the guidance is the latest in a series of new and updated safety documents to be made available through the organisation's web portal.

Mark Ashmore, Safety Assurance Manager at the LRSSB, explained: "In any electrical circuit, 'Earth' doesn't provide perfect insulation and any difference in voltage between the rails and nearby buried conductors can result in current 'leakage'.



"Such stray current can cause electrolytic corrosion to nearby infrastructure such as metallic pipes carrying gas and water."

"This latest guidance document from the LRSSB looks at the statutory obligation of scheme sponsors and operators in relation to stray current management, as well as best practice on mitigation measures."

The new guidance also sets out a standardised process for managing the issue, including the setting up of a formal stray current management strategy, and can be downloaded [here](#).

Further information about the consultation on the guidance can be obtained by emailing MarkAshmore@UKTram.co.uk.



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