

TRAVELLING LIGHT

A scale model creates the scene of integrated road and rail modes in a locality where a lightweight railway has been introduced



Suburban light railcar service: one railcar pulls into its tram-style stop just after the previous service has departed. The road crossing point adjacent to the local shopping centre is un-gated, operating by line-of-sight, with motorists giving way to the railcars as they leave the halt at slow speed. Passengers buy their tickets from the shopkeepers or on board the railcar.

As a result of low vehicle capital and operating costs, and minimum requirement for manning of the line apart from railcar crews, fares can be kept equivalent to those on buses but services will be quicker and journey times more reliable.

The environmental impact of the lightweight rail service will be minimised, with no perception of exhaust fumes and very little noise.



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