

Edinburgh trams: Politicians to mark tram section handover

The first completed section of the tram route is to be handed over from the contractor to Edinburgh City Council later.

The occasion is to be marked by Transport Minister Keith Brown and Edinburgh's Transport Convener, Lesley Hinds, taking a trip on the line.

They will journey by tram from Ingliston Park to Edinburgh Airport.

Trams are due to be running in Edinburgh by the summer of 2014.

Last month councillors unveiled plans to ensure Edinburgh residents aged over 60 would be able to travel free on the city's trams.

The city council said it was committed to integrating Edinburgh's bus network with the trams and extending the free bus pass scheme to local people.

It will now look at ways of funding the initiative, which has been welcomed by the Scottish government.