

**Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and  
Policy Development Committee**

**THE FUTURE OF SUPERTRAM**

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# A BIT OF HISTORY...

- Opened at 6:00am on 21 March 1994 with the first tram between Meadowhall and Fitzalan Square
- Cost of £240M
- Construction commenced 1991
- Final phase Shalesmoor to Middlewood - October 1995
- 25 Siemens trams
- Operating concession sold to Stagecoach in 1997, SYPTE retaining ownership of the asset
- 7 new CityLink Tram Trains started operating Autumn 2017 on the network
- Major timetable change January 2018 to improve punctuality and reliability



# SUPERTRAM CONTEXT

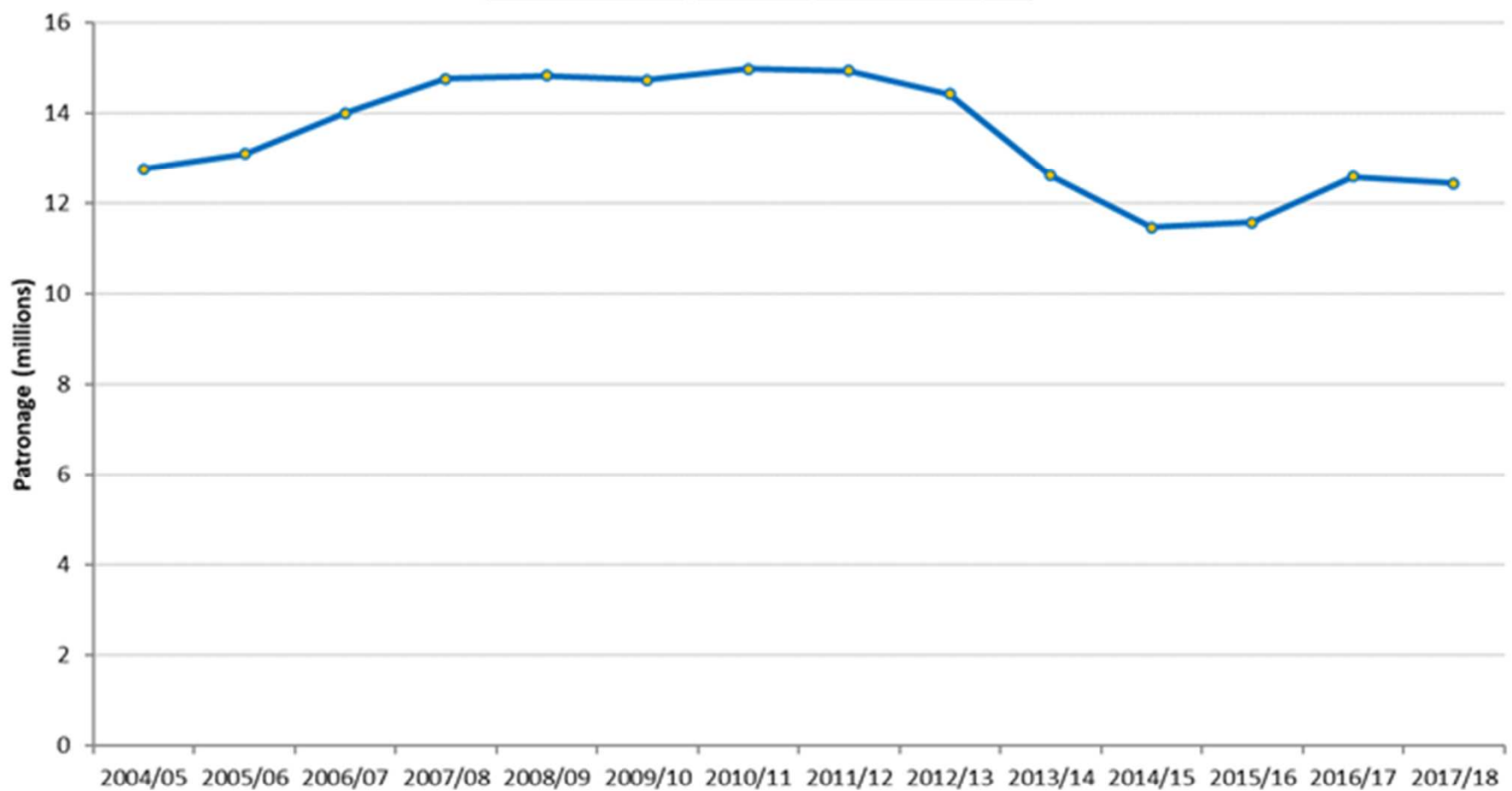
- Roughly 20% of public transport trips in Sheffield are on Supertram
- Supertram network is a potential solution to Sheffield Station capacity issues caused by HS2
- Operates along one of the three corridors identified in the Region's Transforming Cities bid

# RECENT UPDATES

- Embedded Rail Replacement programme commenced 2013
- Partnership between SYPTE, Stagecoach and VolkerRail with some DfT funding saw 12km of rail replaced
- Phase 2 of the works commenced in June 2018 and will be completed over the next 3 years
- £30M investment in the asset

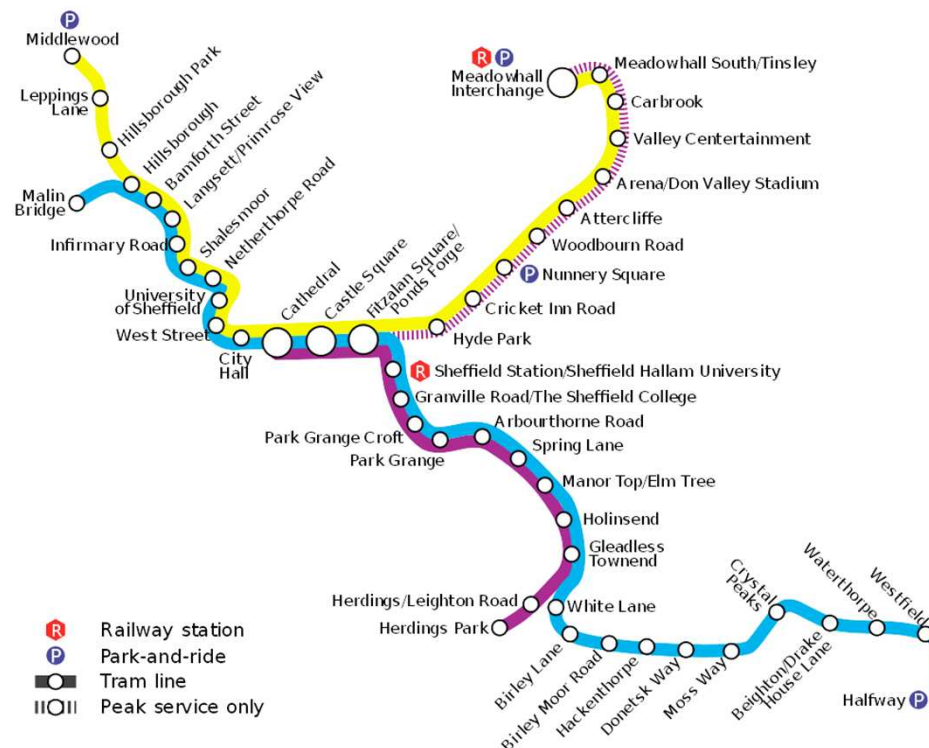


### Tram Patronage: 2004/05 to 2017/18



# LOCAL LARGE MAJOR FUNDING

- £734,931 funding from DfT announced November 2016 towards production of Outline Business Case on future of existing Supertram network
- Key issues relate to asset condition and renewal, size and shape of network and the role it plays in the broader transport network
- OBC to be submitted 2019



# MASS TRANSIT BUSINESS CASE

- Strategic Outline Business Case submitted December 2017
- Outline Business Case due to be completed first half of 2019
- OBC compares the renewal of the Supertram with various options including closure of the network and replacement with Bus Rapid Transit
- Required to comply with the Treasury's five cases, i.e.
  - *Strategic* – case for change
  - *Economic* – the benefits it will deliver
  - *Commercial* – does it work commercially?
  - *Financial* – budgetary impact (revenue and capital)
  - *Management* – can it be delivered?

# CONSULTATION

- 6 week consultation period through to 5 November
- 800 responses in first 48 hours
- Essential part of the process of selecting a preferred Option
- Previous consultations have shown significant support for Supertram