

Greater Manchester signs major new service contract with Siemens

Greater Manchester Combined Authority with Transport for Greater Manchester have awarded to Siemens one of the most significant service contracts of its kind for the long-term maintenance of traffic signalling equipment across all ten districts of Greater Manchester. Under Transport for Greater Manchester's guidance, the service contract is designed to secure substantial energy savings and reduce carbon emissions.

The technology used by Siemens will reduce associated energy bills by 60% over the life of the contract which will deliver up to 97% availability of more than 2,000 traffic and pedestrian signals. This includes a range of additional equipment including Variable Message Signs, road safety cameras and access control systems.

The contract will run for a minimum period of 15 years, with a possible 5 year extension and it takes Siemens share of the UK traffic signal maintenance market to more than 50%.

According to Gordon Wakeford, the company's Managing Director, the contract goes beyond a standard 'response and fix' arrangement ensuring minimum downtime of the customer's traffic equipment assets and takes an innovative approach to using maintenance and energy savings to fund an on-going equipment replacement programme.

In total, the programme allows for up to 60,000 signal aspects to be upgraded or retrofitted with LED signal heads and the replacement of over 500 signal controllers.

David Leather, Chief Executive Officer, Transport for Greater Manchester, said: 'This contract presented a major opportunity to secure a deal that would deliver not only financial savings but gains in lower energy and carbon emissions over a long period.'

'It is also one of the first examples of our ability to oversee important highways issues at a strategic, regional level in our new role as Transport for Greater Manchester – so it was very important to get the right package together.

'What we have achieved is something that will effectively cut our energy bills by almost two thirds and which will also result in some of the latest technology being installed on our network that will offer real benefits in maintenance and reliability.

'We are very confident in the future delivery of this new service contract with Siemens and the capabilities of the company's maintenance teams, and we look forward to a productive and lasting working relationship.'

Notes to Editors

About Transport for Greater Manchester

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1. Transport for Greater Manchester is the new name for Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive (GMPTE).
2. Transport for Greater Manchester Committee is a Joint Committee of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and the ten district authorities of Greater Manchester. It will undertake much of the work previously undertaken by the Greater Manchester Integrated Transport Authority (GMITA) which was abolished on 1 April, and will advise the Combined Authority on transport policy.
3. Transport polices that affect the ten districts of Greater Manchester are set by the Combined Authority, which came into being on 1 April 2011.
4. Transport for Greater Manchester is an executive body of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.
5. Transport for Greater Manchester oversees public transport and brings into one organisation responsibilities which, in addition to those of GMPTE, include managing and maintaining traffic signals, managing road network strategy and promoting road safety.

About Siemens in the UK

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