
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 141

**The Midland Metro (Birmingham
Eastside Extension) Order 2020**

PART 4

OPERATION OF TRAMWAY SYSTEM

Traffic signs

43.—(1) The Authority may, for the purposes of, or in connection with the construction or operation of the authorised tramway, place or maintain traffic signs on any street in which the authorised tramway is laid or which gives access to such a street, or on any street in connection with any instrument made under article 44 (traffic regulation) or any other street as reasonably required for conveying information to traffic.

(2) The Authority—

(a) must consult with the traffic authority as to the placing of signs; and

(b) unless the traffic authority is unwilling to do so and subject to any directions given under section 65 (powers and duties of traffic authorities as to placing of traffic signs)(**1**) of the 1984 Act, must enter into arrangements with the traffic authority for any such signs other than traffic light signals to be placed and maintained by the traffic authority.

(3) Any power conferred by section 65 of the 1984 Act to give directions to a traffic authority or local traffic authority as to traffic signs includes a power to give directions to the Authority as to traffic signs under this article; and, accordingly, the powers conferred by paragraph (**1**) are exercisable subject to and in conformity with any directions given under that section.

(4) A traffic authority or other authority having power under or by virtue of the 1984 Act to place and maintain, or cause to be placed and maintained, traffic signs on any street in which the authorised street tramway is laid or which gives access to such a street must consult with the Authority as to the placing of any traffic sign which would affect the operation of the authorised street tramway.

(5) Tramcars are taken to be public service vehicles for the purposes of section 122(2)(c) (exercise of functions by strategic highway companies or local authorities) of the 1984 Act.

(6) Expressions used in this article and in the 1984 Act have the same meaning in this article as in that Act.

(**1**) As amended by section 153 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (c. 42), section 168(1) of, and paragraph 48 of Part 2 of Schedule 8 to, the 1991 Act, section 48 of, and paragraph 29 of Schedule 4 to, the Road Traffic Act 1991 (c. 40), and section 1(6) of, and paragraphs 70 and 82(1) to (3) of Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7).