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City council approves the new tram line after a decade of debate

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The council voted on Tuesday evening to build the line that will link the harbour to the northern districts. Work is to start in the spring and to last four years, with the first trams running on the southern half two years earlier.

Supporters called the vote overdue. The line was first proposed in 2016 and has been redrawn three times since, each time to spare a street its trees or a square its market.

Opponents say the cost, now put at 480 million, will keep rising. The mayor answered that the city could not afford another decade of buses stuck in the same traffic as the cars they were meant to replace.

The first works will close the harbour road at night from March.