

## Kizoom in the news

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### Cityspace in Cambridge and Swansea contract awards

**C**ityspace has been awarded contracts to supply ticket and passenger information systems for two of the UK's leading bus rapid transit schemes, in Cambridge and Swansea.

For Cambridge, Cityspace has developed 17 smartcard enabled ticket machines for stops along the 25km guided busway linking Cambridge with St Ives. They will be the first ITSO-certified off-bus self-service ticket terminals in the UK.

The machines are said to combine the ability to accept cash and non-cash payments with Oyster-like swipe technology.

For the Swansea Metro, the firm will supply a network of eight Smart Screens and two Smart Panels in phase one, with a possible 23 further large screens being considered as part of a £10.4m bus station redevelopment.

Simon Rees-Jones, Swansea assistant engineer for capital schemes, said: "Real-time information is the glue which will make the BRT service compelling to passengers."

The system, with a high propor-

tion of dedicated busways and traffic segregation, will have its official launch in September.

Meanwhile, First started running the first of a fleet of FTR vehicles for Swansea from the beginning of June. The decision is part of a steady build-up of the new service to allow a technical bedding-in period, gearing up to full capacity by the end of the summer.

The FTR will run alongside regular service buses as First monitors its vehicles on the new road layout in Swansea, which includes the mile-long Landore express busway, running parallel to the railway line entering Swansea (*TT*, November 2008).

First, along with the council, will use technical information gathered to fine tune its services before gradually introducing the nine-strong fleet.

The infrastructure works for Swansea metro cost an estimated £10m, funded through a Welsh Assembly Government transport grant, while FirstCymru has spent £4m on 10 FTR vehicles and upgrading its Swansea HQ.

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