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Australia's first trackless tram has arrived to be prepared for use in the Perth shire of Stirling.

After a long journey from Shanghai, China, the 30-metre tram has been delivered to the City's administration centre, where it will undergo testing as part of a trial with partners from Curtin University, ITSG, CRRC and Shanghai Electric.

The process will involve a range of experts who will examine how this technology works to help determine whether it can be implemented along Scarborough Beach Road.

With its efficient and eco-friendly features, the trackless tram represents a mode of transportation that aligns with the City's vision for sustainability with a local focus.

The tram will connect people to busy, vibrant areas, creating better accessibility and generating urban redevelopment within the Scarborough Beach Road Activity Corridor.

The trackless tram is the latest in sustainable mid-tier transport technology and has the potential to achieve positive

economic, business, transport, innovation and sustainability outcomes.

The trackless trams are part of the shire's plan to reduce congestion in the community, improve access to employment and contribute to urban regeneration.

As a net zero emission vehicle, the tram will also support a reduction in carbon emissions as well as decreasing the number of cars on the road.

The trial of the trackless tram has begun and will run through to November, with locals and stakeholders having the chance to ride the tram and be part of some user experience testing.

In conjunction with event partners and sponsors, the City will also be presenting a Net Zero Transit Symposium on November 21 and 22 November at Rendezvous Perth Scarborough Hotel.

The \$2 million business case and trial for the trackless tram has been funded by the Australian Government.

