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# **'TRANSFORMING LONDON'S TRANSPORT NETWORK IS GREAT NEWS' SAYS RAILWAY FORUM**

The announcement by Ken Livingstone today of a comprehensive programme to expand and improve London's transport is just what all those who live and work in London have been waiting for.

London's transport is already under great strain and this bold package of schemes will provide enhancements and improvements in many parts of the city. But equally importantly the commitment to invest in better reliability, capacity and comfort on the Underground is further good news and is evidence of a real strategy beginning to emerge.

'Today's announcement is just what those involved with London's transport and Londoners want to hear,' says Adrian Lyons, Director General of The Railway Forum. 'This is a very bold package; it clearly begins to define a strategy, not only to expand public transport in the capital to keep up with rapidly rising demand, but also to ensure that under-investment on the existing services becomes a story of the past.'

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### **Notes to Editors:**

1. The Railway Forum is an industry-wide body sponsored by the majority of the train operating companies, Network Rail, all three major rolling stock leasing companies, the Passenger Transport Executives, London Underground, Dockland Light Railway, Cross London Rail Links and most of the civil engineering, manufacturing and other businesses serving the UK rail industry. In all we have over 50 members. Our key role is to act as a think tank, information exchange and point of contact for those committed to and interested in our industry. The Association of Train Operating Companies and The Rail Industry Association are also full members.

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