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'CROSSRAIL WILL TAKE THE SWEAT OUT OF LONDON TRAVEL' SAYS THE RAILWAY FORUM

The Secretary of State's announcement today that he strongly supports the Crossrail project and that Parliamentary time will be given to approve the project is great news. This announcement – coming as it does on a hot, sweaty day in the South East – promising that, within 10 years, Londoners will have state-of-the-art, air-conditioned rapid transport across central London is most welcome.

'The Railway Forum reflects the industry's delight that at last Crossrail looks like becoming a reality', says Adrian Lyons, Director General of The Railway Forum. 'We recognise this project is a huge challenge. Yet it is one that will reinvigorate London's transport network, allowing it to meet rising demand and deliver a significantly improved quality of service.'

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Notes to Editors:

1. The Secretary of State's announcement on Crossrail can be accessed at: www.dft.gov.uk/stellent/groups/dft_about/documents/page/dft_about_029813.hcsp
2. The Railway Forum is an industry-wide body sponsored by the majority of the train operating companies as well as Network Rail, all three major rolling stock leasing companies, the Passenger Transport Executives, London Underground, most of the infrastructure maintenance companies and many manufacturing and other businesses serving the UK rail industry. In all we have some 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.

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