

RIA responds to Andy Byford's resignation

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Following the announcement that TfL Commissioner Andy Byford will be leaving next month, Railway Industry Association chief executive Darren Caplan said: "I am sorry to learn that Andy Byford is set to leave TfL later this year. As Commissioner he has been a true champion of the rail supply sector and, on behalf of our members, I'd like to wish him all the very best for the future.

"I'd also like to welcome the current chief operating officer Andy Lord to his post as interim commissioner – we and rail suppliers look forward to working closely with him in the coming months.

"Looking ahead, it is clear longer-term funding certainty will be essential for the delivery of rail in London. With changes now in both government ministers and the TfL commissioner, RIA and our members continue to call for funding deals similar in length to the five-year Control Period settlements used for the national railway. This would enable the rail supply sector to deliver work which maximises value for money for fare and tax payers in London.

"Whilst TfL's current 20-month funding deal is better than what went before, lack of longer-term certainty simply puts rail supply members in limbo and makes it harder for them to renew, enhance and build world-class rail infrastructure in the capital as cost effectively and efficiently as they could."