

# Shamit Gaiger appointed West Coast Partnership Development's managing director

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Shamit Gaiger will join the West Coast Partnership Development as managing director on July 25.

Shamit has extensive experience in the rail sector; with previous roles at the RSSB and Director of Strategy at National Skills Academy for Rail.

Commenting, Shamit Gaiger said “I am very excited to be joining the West Coast Partnership Development team. It’s an honour and a privilege to be asked to lead the development and delivery of a shared vision for high-speed services.

“I am confident that, working closely with our partners, we can realise the ambition and strategic goals of the HS2 Programme.”

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She led the Rail Sector Deal negotiations on behalf of HM Government and was a Non-Executive Director for Passenger Services at the Department for Transport.

Most recently she led AECOM's Advisory Europe team. Shamit is also a non-executive director of both Women in Rail and the Campaign for Better Transport.

Steve Montgomery, First Rail Managing Director, said: "I am delighted to announce the appointment of Shamit Gaiger as Managing Director of our West Coast Partnership Development team, the shadow operator for HS2.

"Shamit is passionate about the future of rail and her expertise will be vital in delivering for our clients. We are all looking forward to having her on the team."

Ernesto Sicilia, Managing Director of Trenitalia UK, said: "With her experienced background in public transport, Shamit is well-placed to lead West Coast Partnership Development and continue our collaborative work with HS2 Ltd and our industry partners as we move forward into an exciting era of high-speed rail."