

TfL announces Andy Lord as London's Transport Commissioner

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The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, and the board of Transport for London (TfL) has announced that Andy Lord has been appointed as London's permanent transport commissioner.

Andy joined TfL in November 2019 as managing director of London Underground and became chief operating officer for all of TfL's operations in 2022.

He took on the role of commissioner of TfL on an interim basis from 25 October 2022, following the departure of the former commissioner Andy Byford. Since then, Andy's focus has been on attracting customers to public transport, rebuilding TfL's finances, advancing TfL's work to decarbonise and improve London's environment, and developing plans to further support TfL's diverse staff and customers.

Andy has overseen the completion of the transformational Elizabeth line railway, the completion of the Bank station upgrade, the development of the plans for new bus provision in outer London, the delivery of new cycleways, and TfL's work to support safe and successful events to mark the coronation of HM King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

Andy Lord, London's transport commissioner, said: "Transport for London is an incredible organisation, full of highly committed people who come to work each day to serve our customers and to make the capital a better place. I would like to thank them all for the incredible support they have given me. I am hugely honoured and proud to do this job and to have the opportunity to continue to steer TfL as we move forward with the work of supporting London's recovery from the pandemic, ensuring TfL better reflects the diverse city we serve whilst becoming the green heartbeat of the capital."

"In the months ahead, one of my key focuses will be on securing the long-term government funding that we need to continue our vital work. With transport authorities across the UK now having long-term 'London-style' funding agreements in place, London is now ironically the outlier. With the amazing economic driver that is the Elizabeth line, and with our partners and supply chain across the country, we have proven that investment in transport in London can benefit the entire UK. We must now move forward and work together to provide the services and infrastructure that will benefit everyone."

As managing director of London Underground, Andy led the transport network's operational response to the COVID pandemic. He has been responsible for the safe and reliable introduction of Elizabeth line services, the Northern line extension, and the extension of London Overground to Barking Riverside. As TfL's chief operating officer, Andy led the operational transport response for key events across the city, most notably The Platinum Jubilee and the ceremonial events marking the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

Before TfL, Andy spent nearly 30 years in the commercial aviation sector, including 26 years at British Airways that culminated as director of operations for just over seven years. Andy is also a non-executive director for the UK MoD's Defence Equipment and Support Agency.

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, said: "I'm delighted to confirm Andy Lord as London's permanent transport commissioner. Andy brings with him a wealth of experience and expertise to lead TfL as we work to deliver the most affordable, accessible and sustainable transport network possible."

"I have seen first-hand Andy's dedication to rebuilding TfL's finances following the devastating impact of the pandemic and his commitment to delivering better services for Londoners and more sustainable travel across the capital, as well as promoting walking and cycling."

"I look forward to working with Andy as we continue building a safer, greener and more prosperous London for everyone – and a transport system that remains the envy of the world."

Responding, the Railway Industry Association's (RIA) Chief Executive, Darren Caplan said: "On behalf of the Railway Industry Association and our members I would like to warmly welcome Andy Lord to his permanent position as TfL Transport Commissioner, and congratulate him on his appointment. The rail supply industry has worked closely with him during his time as Interim Commissioner, and we look forward to continuing this constructive relationship in the future."

"With passengers returning to rail in London post-COVID it is clear that the capital's rail and tube network can have a bright future, with the right support from the Government and City Hall, and long-term investment. Longer-term funding certainty, above and beyond the current 20-month TfL funding deal, is

essential to enable the rail supply chain to deliver transformational rail projects in a way that both maximises efficiency and increases value for money for the fare and tax payer. We and our members look forward to engaging with Andy Lord on what will clearly be an ambitious rail agenda in the weeks and months to come.”

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