

Transport minister to deliver keynote address at annual Rail Industry Forum

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Huw Merriman MP, Minister of State for Rail and HS2 at the Department for Transport (DfT), is to give the keynote address at this year's Rail Industry Forum.

Rail industry leaders will gather at the international law firm Addleshaw Goddard in London on Tuesday 6 December, to discuss some of the biggest challenges facing the sector. The forum will explore a variety of issues, with a particular focus on what reform could mean for all areas of the sector and meeting rail passenger requirements.

Mr Merriman, who is the newly appointed Rail Minister, previously chaired the Transport Select Committee between 2020 and 2022

Anit Chandarana, Lead Director at Great British Railways Transition Team, with Chris White-Horne, DfT Programme Director, Rail Transformation Programme will give an update on the programme, while Maggie Simpson OBE, Director General at Rail Freight Group, will focus on growth opportunities for freight in 2023 and how to overcome challenges presented by rail reform in her speech.

Other key talking points under discussion will be, how to improve customer experience and meeting passenger needs, how to unlock and accelerate innovation and technology in the rail sector, and the role of rail in delivering “Levelling Up”.

The one-day event will be chaired by David Clarke, Technical Director working at Railway Industry Association (RIA).

For more information and to register for the Rail Industry Forum 2022, visit the event website at <https://waterfront.eventscase.com/EN/railforum22> or for other Waterfront events, visit <https://www.waterfrontconferencecompany.com/>.