

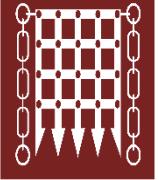
Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

Next steps for Britain's rail network

Timing: Morning, Monday, 13th April 2026

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8.30	Registration	 WESTMINSTER ENERGY ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT FORUM
9.00	<u>Chair's opening remarks</u> Senior Parliamentarian	
9.05	<u>The vision for Great British Railways and key priorities moving forward</u> Senior representative, policy Questions and comments from the floor	
9.30	<u>The Railways Bill and establishing GBR - design, responsibilities and oversight</u> <i>clarifying the statutory remit and responsibilities of GBR maintaining passenger service performance, reliability and value during the transition to public ownership the role and duties of the new passenger watchdog including consultation, transparency and redress implications for independent regulation and the future role of the Office of Rail and Road accountability frameworks and the sharing of responsibilities across GBR, devolved authorities and operators</i> Senior representative, passengers Senior representative, ticketing Senior representative, train operator Senior representative, devolved administration Questions and comments from the floor	
10.15	<u>Next steps for regulatory reform and independent oversight</u> John Larkinson , CEO, Office of Rail and Road	
10.30	<u>Public ownership, private sector access and open access frameworks</u> <i>GBR's duties relating to public service alongside freight, private sector and open access needs priorities for implementing the new Access and Use Policy safeguards, monitoring and enforcement for open access and freight targets alignment of capacity allocation and growth targets with funding cycles addressing disparities arising from access and track usage charges</i> Senior representative, freight Senior representative, open access operator Senior representative, legal	
10.45	Questions and comments from the floor	
11.05	<u>Chair's closing remarks</u> Senior Parliamentarian	
11.10	Break	
11.20	<u>Chair's opening remarks</u> Senior Parliamentarian	
11.25	<u>Devolved powers and assessing opportunities for regional transport, development and growth</u> Senior representative, mayoral combined authority Questions and comments from the floor	
11.45	<u>Delivering the UK's rail infrastructure pipeline - planning, finance and skills</u> <i>delivery risks across major projects including the Transpennine Route Upgrade, East West Rail, Midlands Rail Hub and Northern Powerhouse Rail managing the impact of inflation, supply chain pressures and constrained capital budgets prioritisation of maintenance, renewals, enhancements and digital upgrades within CP7 reconciling national priorities with government-backed devolution plans and regional ambitions for greater control over services, fares and investment approaches to maintaining confidence in how funding is planned and delivery timetables are set</i> Senior representative, transport project Senior representative, investment Senior representative, skills Senior representative, supply chain Senior representative, infrastructure Questions and comments from the floor	
12.30	<u>Development of the Long-Term Rail Strategy and implementing the Railways Bill</u> Senior speaker confirmed from the Department for Transport Questions and comments from the floor	
12.55	<u>Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks</u> Senior Parliamentarian Sean Cudmore , Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum	