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ANDY BYFORD APPOINTED LONDON'S NEW TRANSPORT COMMISSIONER

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, and the Board of Transport for London today confirmed the appointment of Andy Byford as London's new Transport Commissioner, following an international recruitment and selection process. Byford's most recent role was President and Chief Executive Officer of New York City Transit Authority, where he was responsible for 50,000 staff and devised a \$40bn five-year investment plan to renew the city's transport system. He will join TfL on 29 June, with the current Commissioner, Mike Brown MVO, staying on until 10 July to hand over to Byford and aid his start in the role before he takes up a position overseeing the renovation of the historic Houses of Parliament.

Andy Byford brings to TfL a track record of leadership and transformation within major urban transport authorities and has worked within a wide range of complex stakeholder and political environments in a transport career that has spanned over 30 years and three continents. As well as his recent leadership role in New York, his previous positions include:

- Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission, Canada.
- Chief Operating Officer & Deputy CEO, Rail Corporation New South Wales, Australia.
- Director of Operations, Southern Railway.
- Director of Safety and Operations, South Eastern Trains Limited.
- Various roles at London Underground Limited, where he started as a graduate trainee in 1989 before working his way up to General Manager – Customer Service for the Bakerloo, Central and Victoria lines.

Byford takes up the post at a pivotal moment for the organisation and for London as TfL works to help the capital recover from the Covid-19 pandemic and support a safe and sustainable re-start.

4 June 2020

TEMPORARY CHANGES TO OLDER PERSON'S FREEDOM PASS AND 60-PLUS OYSTER CARD

Transport for London has set out details of the temporary changes affecting users of the Older Person's Freedom Pass, 60+ Oyster photocard and English National Concessionary Scheme in London as part of the response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The temporary changes, to take effect from Monday 15 June, are being introduced as part of the recent funding and finance agreement with Government and will mean holders of such passes will not be able to use them during morning peak hours in order to help support social distancing on the public transport network and help control the coronavirus. This will mean that the cards will not be valid during the morning peak period (04.30 to 09.00) Monday to Friday. They will continue to be valid at all other times on weekdays and all day on weekends and Bank Holidays. If passengers have no option other than to use public transport during the morning peak period – such as those aged over 60 who are key workers – it is recommended that they travel using pay-as-you-go with a contactless card or mobile device, or an Oyster card.

Passengers with a Disabled Freedom Pass are unaffected and will, as usual, still be able to travel at all times using their Pass if they have to use public transport for their journey.

TfL'S CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS TO COMMENCE PHASED RESTART

Work on a number of TfL construction projects is about to resume with more restarting in the coming weeks, in line with the Government's announcement in early May easing lockdown measures for those who could not work from home. This includes the Bank Station Capacity Upgrade, the Northern Line Extension to Battersea, the renovation of the Central Line fleet and the extension of London Overground services from Barking to the new housing development at Barking Riverside. Physical work at Crossrail sites has also now resumed.

Work will also restart on some step-free access improvements at stations including Cockfosters, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Mill Hill East and Wimbledon Park, as well as station enhancements at Bromley-by-Bow, Finsbury Park, Knightsbridge and Tottenham Hale. Asset renewal works on DLR, Trams and London Overground are also due to resume.

Construction at around 300 TfL sites was brought to a Safe Stop in late March to help prevent the spread of coronavirus. Since then design and other preparatory work on many of these projects has continued, with staff and many of TfL's contractors working from home.

25 June 2020

CONSULTATION LAUNCHED ON POSSIBLE MOVE FOR GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, has launched a consultation on a possible move for Greater London Authority (GLA) colleagues from the current City Hall building to a new headquarters in The Crystal building in East London's Royal Docks. The current City Hall building is a rented premises, while The Crystal, which would be renamed City Hall, is already owned by the GLA and has lower running costs as a result of its rating for environmental sustainability, delivering a potential saving of £55m over five years.

As part of the proposal, GLA would lease one floor of the Palestra building at Southwark for some GLA staff, to allow for improved collaborative working. A decision must be made by September to allow time for a well-planned move to take place, although any actual move would not take place until next year.