

ROLLING STOCK FORUM 2023

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Ahead of Airport Infrastructure Forum 2022, **Rich Fisher Head of Strategic Planning – Network and Integration, Long Term Strategy for Rail** to share his views on some of the barriers facing infrastructure development.



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WHAT ARE THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES CURRENTLY FACING ROLLING STOCK?

We have a fleet that is sized for pre-COVID demand. Costs have risen and are forecast to rise further. We have a near-term need to replace ageing diesel rolling stock. We know that electrification will not come along soon, so how do we replace diesel trains in a way that enables future transition to cleaner and greener train services while becoming more efficient.

WHAT LESSONS CAN BE LEARNT FROM RECENT PROCUREMENT AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW FLEET?

The Anglia fleet is a great example of reducing complexity through a simpler fleet, while enabling flexibility for the future with Class 755 trains that can adapt to a post carbon world.

WHAT COULD PROPOSED REFORMS MEAN FOR THE ROLLING STOCK AND FUTURE PROCUREMENT?

Developing a long-term strategy for rolling stock will support innovation and investment by the supply chain to provide the trains that the industry will need at a cost effective price.

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