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## **UK GOVERNMENT SHOULD SCOTCH RECENT RUMOURS OF DELAY TO CROSSRAIL 2**

Following reports this week that Crossrail 2 would be significantly delayed, Railway Industry Association Chief Executive Darren Caplan said:

“This week’s rumours of delay to Crossrail 2 are based on a report submitted back in March. Since then, as recently as 24 July Transport Secretary Chris Grayling and London Mayor Sadiq Khan jointly gave fresh backing to the scheme, and as far as anyone is aware nothing has happened since to jeopardise its progress. Speculation like this does not help in making the case for this important scheme, especially at a time when the Government is looking for an infrastructure boost post Brexit.

“The Railway Industry Association and its members believe that schemes like Crossrail 2 in the south and Northern Powerhouse Rail in the north will provide a huge fillip for the UK, securing economic and connectivity benefits for the whole of the UK. Rail suppliers from all parts of the country stand ready to deliver Crossrail 2, giving a welcome boost to jobs and productivity. The Government should re-affirm its support for the project and green light the next stage of public consultation as soon as possible.”

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### **Notes to Editors:**

1. The Railway Industry Association is the long-established trade association for the UK railway supply industry. Its member companies include manufacturers, maintainers, contractors, consultants and suppliers of specialist services. For further information, see our website at [www.riagb.org.uk/](http://www.riagb.org.uk/) or us on 020 7201 0777.