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RAC: 'Golden opportunity' for Secretary of State for Transport to deliver for motorists

Following the re-appointment of the Rt Hon Patrick McLoughlin MP as Secretary of State for Transport, RAC chief engineer David Bizley said: “There is now a golden opportunity for the Transport Secretary to oversee the delivery of the commitments included in the Road Investment Strategy and in his party’s manifesto.

“The UK’s motorists, who are among the most heavily taxed in Europe, can look forward to benefiting from the boldest investment plan in a generation

for England's strategic roads which will tackle some of the nation's worst bottlenecks and congestion pinch points.

"But the political foot must not be taken off the gas – there are a number of pressing issues that the Transport Secretary must now get to grips with such as ensuring the UK's pothole crisis is finally resolved with equally imaginative plans to tackle the maintenance backlog on local roads and examining the contribution that the whole transport sector can make to improving air quality.

"On road safety, we call on him to consider reintroducing casualty reduction targets. Such targets have proven effective in the past, and with the number of children killed or seriously injured on our roads up for the first time in 20 years, now is the time for action to be taken. We also call on him to publish the green paper on young drivers, something that was mooted in the previous parliament but never saw the light of day.

"Finally, motoring taxation is likely to come under renewed scrutiny. Motorists and businesses are both looking for, as a minimum, continuation of the fuel duty freeze. Whilst the Treasury is likely to have the final say, we hope the Transport Secretary will continue to stand up for motorists and encourage a common sense approach by the Chancellor of the Exchequer."

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The RAC, an iconic UK brand, provides complete peace of mind to nearly 14 million UK private and business drivers, whatever their motoring needs. As well as its premium nationwide breakdown assistance service – with an expert branded patrol workforce attending more than two million breakdowns every year – it offers a wide range of market-leading products across insurance, legal services, vehicle inspections and service, maintenance and repair. Included in this is the first-of-its-kind nationwide Mobile

Mechanics service which brings the garage to homes and workplaces.

At the forefront of new solutions for business fleets and consumers, the RAC's breakdown service is electric-ready with mobile EV charging technology and can be called on using [myRAC](#) – the all-in-one route planner, fuel finder and breakdown reporting app.

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