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## **Government to pause roll-out of all lane running motorways and consider best way forward - RAC reaction**

**Following the announcement that the Government is to pause future all lane running motorway schemes and look at alternative options for increasing road capacity, following the transport committee's enquiry into safety, RAC head of roads policy Nicholas Lyes said:**

“This watershed decision is an unqualified victory for drivers, many of whom have deeply held concerns over the safety of motorways where the hard

shoulder is permanently removed. Rather than ploughing on regardless in the face of mounting public opposition, we're pleased the Government has finally hit the pause button and given itself time to fully consider the safety of these schemes, and the way our motorways are adapted to increase capacity from now on.

“We have long argued that dynamic hard shoulder and controlled motorway schemes – both of which feature a hard shoulder in some form – should be considered given their good safety record and it's important these options are on the table. A further commitment to install an additional 150 refuge areas on existing schemes to bring them all up to the same standard is positive news and should go some way towards reassuring drivers worried about reaching one in an emergency.

“The safety of our motorway network is paramount and no policy decisions should ever risk making our fastest roads less safe. Today's decision to review a full five years of all the safety data and to look at all possible options with a fresh perspective should ensure our motorways can accommodate increased traffic volumes safely and – just as importantly – that the drivers using them feel safe doing so.”

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