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Strikes on the London Underground will go ahead today after transport bosses and unions were unable to reach an agreement, with limited or no services running on the Tube network.

An article from the BBC said the action will be the sixth 24-hour walkout by the Rail Maritime and Transport union (RMT) in 2022 in a row over job cuts and pension changes.

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Transport for London (TfL) apologised to passengers and said it remained open to discussions. RMT general secretary Mick Lynch said bosses had missed a "golden opportunity" to stop the strike and union members were left with "no choice".

Overhead electric wires have been installed on the railway between Manchester and Stalybridge over the weekend as part of the Transpennine Route Upgrade (TRU).

The work is being carried out the TRU West alliance of Amey, Bam Nuttall and Arup and is the first step towards having fully electrified local services between Manchester and Stalybridge by the mid 2020s.

The full upgrade will eventually see electric wires installed all along the 122km route from York to Manchester, via Leeds and Huddersfield.

Read the full story here.

Research from the Campaign for Better Transport has revealed how a green shake up of transport priorities could help save the government up to ± 20 billion ahead of the chancellor's financial statement.

The research from the transport charity suggests cost-saving measures including cancelling five roadbuilding schemes, taxing fuel for domestic flights and the introduction of a pay-as-you-drive scheme which charges electric vehicles a small amount per mile from 2025.

Norman Baker from the Campaign for Better Transport said a shake-up of transport priorities would mean "vital levelling-up projects like Northern Powerhouse Rail could go ahead, lifeline bus routes could be saved, and many non-transport public services could also get a reprieve".

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Finally, a Shropshire hospital charity has been handed £20,000 from sales of a model train dedicated to NHS fundraiser Captain Sir Tom Moore.

An article from the BBC said the N-Gauge model locomotive, produced by Dapol, is based on the 129tonne, Class 66 freight locomotive 66731, which is named Capt Tom Moore and carries a message thanking NHS staff.

The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Hospital (RJAH) charity has received £40 from each sale of the £110 model. Andrea Bowen, from Dapol, said the model train firm wanted to pay tribute to the inspirational efforts of Capt. Sir Tom, who raised more than £30m for NHS charities during the pandemic.