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Officials from across the rail industry have responded to the Transport Bill announcement in the Queen's Speech, which includes plans to improve the industry.

Andy Bagnall, director general at the Rail Delivery Group, said: the announcement was "an important milestone towards delivering a better railway for customers and the nation as a whole" while RIA's Darren Caplan said it would have been good to see Great British Railways mentioned specifically in the speech to ensure progress is made.

Meanwhile Norman Baker, from Campaign for Better Transport, said he was disappointed at the lack of mention of legislation to address the railway's "failing ticketing system" and said "whole-sale reform" is needed to provide the more reliable service that has been promised.

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<https://news.railbusinessdaily.com/rail-industry-welcomes-transport-bill-announced-in-the-queens-speech/>

Network Rail has extended its contract with British Steel to retain the company as its principal steel supplier on the railways, with the firm unveiling plans for two new multi-million-pound facilities at its Scunthorpe headquarters.

The Yorkshire Post reports that following the two-year extension of the contract, British Steel will create a multi-million-pound new storage facility for long length rails and a dedicated train servicing facility to provide maintenance to Network Rail's Rail Delivery Trains.

The contract, which runs until the end of Control Period 6 will see the company supply more than one million tonnes of rail in a decade – enough to cover 19,000 km.

Chiltern Railways has launched a new Delay Repay scheme to make it easier for customers to claim refunds if their journey has been delayed.

The new scheme will allow customers to make claims for compensation whenever their journey is postponed by more than 15 minutes, regardless of the reason for delay.

As part of the Delay Repay 15 scheme, Chiltern has also launched a new, automated system that will calculate and process refund claims, significantly reducing overall processing times.

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Finally, with less than two weeks until the Elizabeth line opens, the London Transport Museum is selling a range of memorabilia from the Crossrail project for rail and engineering fanatics alike to enjoy.

An article for the New Civil Engineer says items have been placed on sale at the museum with the most expensive including a decommissioned Elizabeth line diagram retailing at £3,500.

TfL Rail signage is also on sale priced between £200 and £350, while there is also a host of Elizabeth line themed goods from wallets to deck chairs available for purchase, with all proceeds from sales going to the London Transport Museum.

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