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The Government has announced a £7.6 million fund to trial and launch innovative technology that will help improve rail travel.

Rail Minister, Wendy Morton has announced this year's First of a Kind competition in association with Innovate UK. The contest invites bids from companies seeking to improve the passenger experience and decarbonisation.

The competition opens to applicants from 20 April to 8 June, with this year focusing on technologies to improve the industry's cost efficiency and network performance to support a more reliable passenger and freight rail network.

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<https://news.railbusinessdaily.com/government-makes-7-6m-available-for-rail-innovation/>

Permission has been granted for Lincoln railway station to be fitted with new paving strips to warn visually impaired people of platform edges, it has been announced.

An article on Lincolnshire Live reports the City of Lincoln Council has now given its permission for the work to take place at the Grade Two listed station within the next three years.

Yellow strips will be placed at the edge of all the station's platforms featuring a "blister" type surface with rows of flat-topped domes. The blister surface can be read by foot or cane, warning people that they are approaching a rail platform edge.

A new station in Merseyside, set to be built on the site of the former St James station, will be named Liverpool Baltic, it has been announced.

The name for the Baltic Triangle station was announced by mayor of the Liverpool City Region Steve Rotheram following a public vote. Liverpool Baltic was the clear winner with 77.7% of the vote, with Liverpool Parliament Street coming second with 15.2% and Liverpool Riverside third, receiving 7.1% of the votes.

The scheme is currently in the design development stage, with the aim for the station to be open in 2025, subject to funding being secured for construction.

Finally, bidding is underway for a £40m-plus bat protection tunnel structure on a stretch of the HS2 route in Buckinghamshire, Construction Enquirer reports.

The arched concrete structure, a first of its kind in the world over a railway, will act as a physical barrier to prevent a rare species of bats in the area from colliding with high-speed trains on the route.

A colony of endangered Bechstein bats is located in the ancient Sheepphouse Wood, designated as a site of Special Scientific Interest, which lies next to the route.