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Northern leaders have been urged to stand against a “period of managed decline” of the railways and resist plans to reduce passenger services.

An article in the Yorkshire Post says Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester, made the plea at a meeting of Transport for the North’s Rail Committee yesterday, when proposed timetable changes for December 2022 were being discussed.

Under the proposed timetable, which is still under consultation, operators would look to cut the number of services running to and from Manchester, on various routes, due to long-standing problems with congestion on railways in the city.

Plans for £34 million of repairs to Middlesbrough's 19th Century railway station have been submitted to prevent it deteriorating further.

An article on the BBC website says the south and east walls of the station car park both need work after falling into disrepair.

Two open-plan offices for about 30 people will also be built either side of the central thoroughfare.

The University of Birmingham's Centre for Railway Research and Education (BCRRE) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Rock Rail, establishing a strategic partnership on addressing railway rolling stock cyber security.

The MOU establishes a strategic research and teaching partnership to address specific cyber security challenges including application of technologies; processes and controls to protect systems; effective guidance for the railway sector and supply chain; and establishing key principles of best practice.

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Tesco and Direct Rail Services (DRS) have partnered to introduce a cool new service to Britain's railways.

The new service will be the first time Tesco has used refrigerated rail freight in the UK, distributing chilled goods from Tilbury to Coatbridge by low CO2 rail twice a day, seven days a week.

This means that rail freight will play an even bigger role in helping Tesco to deliver Christmas this year and over the next couple of weeks this new service will transport hundreds of different products.

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