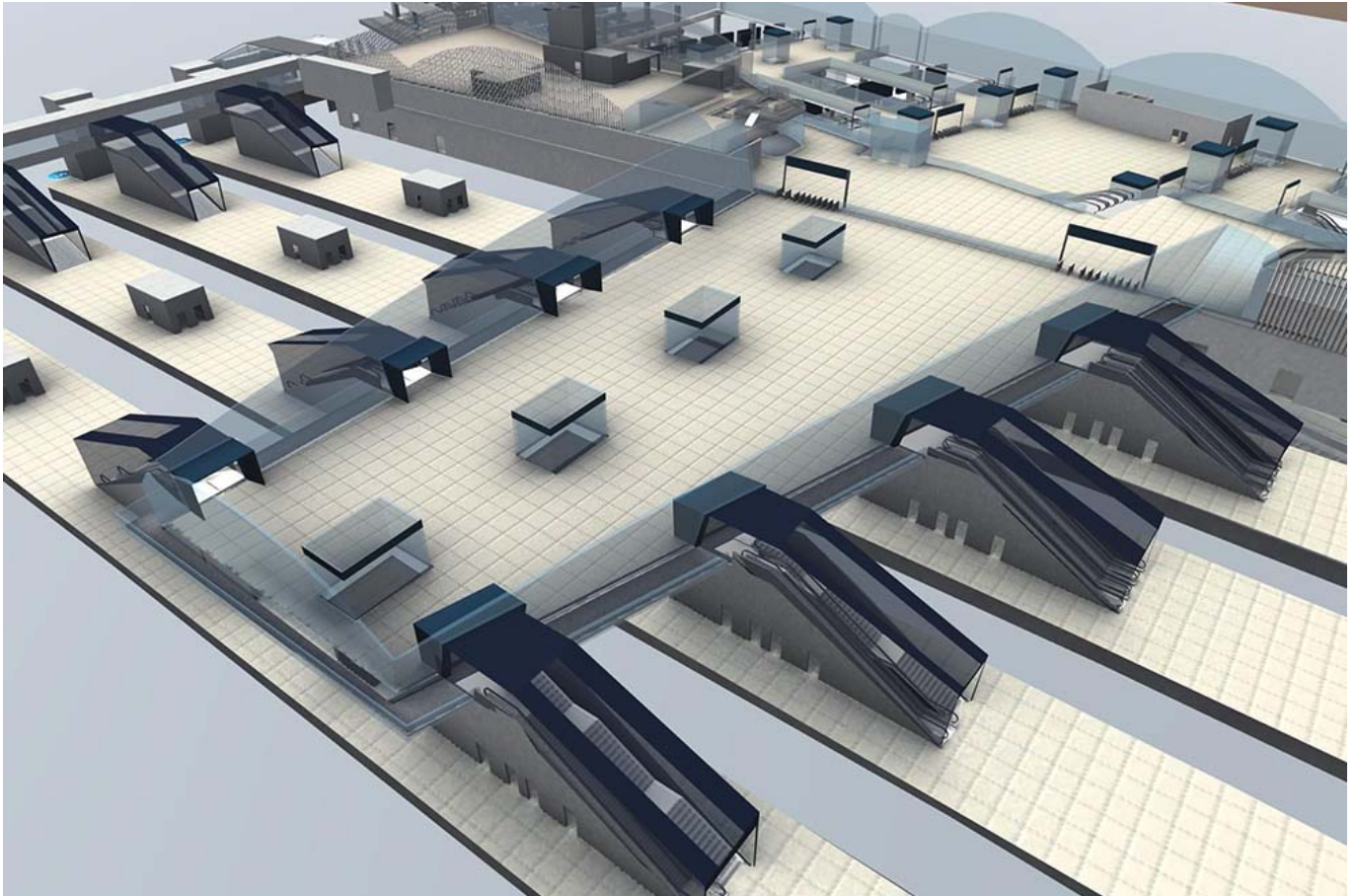


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Sadiq Khan, the Mayor of London, has said that tens of thousands of jobs could be at risk if there is no long-term and capital funding provided to Transport for London (TfL) by the government.

In a statement, the Greater London Authority described the situation TfL was dealing with, caused by the pandemic, as an “unprecedented financial crisis”.

There is now less than a month until the current funding deal – which itself is the second of two extensions agreed with the UK Government – ends.

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Rail services have been affected by the worst cancellation period ever, according to industry data.

An article in City A.M. says that as a result of COVID-related staff shortages and strike actions, 4.4 per cent of rail services across the UK were cancelled between 12 December and 8 January, PA news agency reported.

According to data, since 2014 only two four-week periods registered worse cancellation records, one in February 2018 when 4.9 per cent of trains was slashed because of severe snow and the other in December 2019 when Northern and TransPennine Express faced severe issues.

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HS2 has appointed TK Elevator to the framework to deliver 300 leading-edge lifts and escalators for four new station facilities being built as part of the high-speed rail project.

Birmingham Curzon Street, Interchange, Old Oak Common and new HS2 platforms at London Euston will

need over 160 lifts and 130 escalators to help people access HS2 trains every day.

The final contract value is expected to be between £207 million and £316 million depending on the numbers of lifts and escalators required.

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Scottish Engineering, the industry membership association for engineering and manufacturing in Scotland, has appointed its first female president in its 150-year-plus history.

Aine Finlayson, the director of manufacturing at Aggreko, has taken up the role.

She said: “I’m looking forward to continuing the good work that has been achieved, embracing the challenges of today’s world and the transition to a low carbon economy, moreover, acting as a role model to encourage more diversity across the Scottish engineering industry.”

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