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Sadiq Khan has confirmed he may have to close an entire Tube line if the government does not quickly come up with a financial settlement for cash-strapped Transport for London (TfL).

In an article in City A.M. the Mayor of London said any one of London's 11 Tube lines could potentially be closed as tensions continue to flare between City Hall and Whitehall over a funding package.

TfL has had four government bailouts since the start of the pandemic, after its revenues fell off a cliff during the first lockdown, with the latest one set to run out on 11th December.

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The Office of Rail and Road (ORR) has published its Rail Industry Finance (UK) 2020-21 report, which reveals the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

Fares income in 2020-21 was £1.8 billion, a drop of £8.6 billion from the previous year, due to the impact of the pandemic. The number of passenger journeys reduced by 77.7 per cent in 2020-21 (compared to 2019-20).

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First plans to create the new £5 million Wonderlab at the National Railway Museum have gone before city planners.

An article in the York Press says under the Wonderlab project, a new gallery will be created within the North Shed at the Leeman Road museum.

The shed is currently used as an engineering workshop.

Engineers are building a tiny railway crossing for wild hazel dormice in a bid to save the endangered species from extinction.

The new 'dormouse bridge' will be the first of its kind on the railway when it's built next summer on the Furness line in Lancashire.

The £40,000 conservation project involves fitting a 12-metre long shielded tree-top structure to provide protection from predators on the side of an existing railway overbridge.

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