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Transport Secretary Grant Shapps has called for transport workers to 'reconsider' strike action – and slammed Mayor Andy Burnham for supporting workers over pay deals.

An article in the Manchester Evening News says Mr Burnham's office have responded to the scathing attack by questioning Mr Shapps' undermining of people's right to fight for their income, and accused the Government of 'playing politics'.

Mr Shapps' comments have followed widespread strike action among rail and bus workers, with further walk-outs planned for this month and next month.

Workers at eight rail firms are due to strike on July 30, while Network Rail and 14 train operating companies are to go on strike for two more days in August, in a move that will hit passengers again.

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UK Power Networks Services will complete electrical infrastructure upgrades to allow a new fleet of trains to operate on the Piccadilly line and improve reliability and service frequency.

The project – which begins in June 2022 and is scheduled to finish in June 2025 – will see UK Power Networks Services complete the design and construction works to upgrade several key electrical substations, and the installation of new electrical infrastructure, electrical control systems, and cables along key parts of the line.

The initial framework contract runs for six years, with potential for two more.

All this will increase electrical capacity to allow Transport for London (TfL) to launch a new fleet of air-conditioned modern trains with improved reliability, efficiency, and accessibility for passengers.

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More than 300 volunteers from across the rail industry will be helping visitors travelling by train to Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games venues.

They'll assist passengers making the huge number of extra journeys expected across the West Midlands during the 12-day sporting spectacle which starts next Thursday (28 July).

One hundred and fifty Network Rail employees and more than 150 people from train operators and companies have volunteered to support passengers at key stations throughout the Games.

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A woman who feels like she 'cheated death' is looking for the man who saved her after a fall onto tracks at a London Underground station.

An article in the South Wales Argus says Tegan Badham, was at Kings Cross on Sunday, July 10, waiting for the Tube to Finsbury Park when she slipped and fell onto the tracks.

"I don't even know how I slipped," she told the Argus. "I must have tripped over my own feet."

Luckily a quick-thinking stranger was able to pull her from the tracks just before the train was due to arrive. Trains on the London Underground pull into the stations just minutes apart.

*Photo credit: Network Rail*