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The Railway Industry Association (RIA) has set out what it would like to see from the Chancellor's Spring Statement, taking place tomorrow.

Setting out the key priorities, Darren Caplan, Chief Executive of RIA, said now is the time for government to support the railway industry and the economic growth, jobs and investment it provides both now and in the longer-term.

He is calling for the Rail Network Enhancements Pipeline to be published, no hiatus in infrastructure and rolling stock work over the coming years, and for efforts to decarbonise the railway to be accelerated.

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London mayor Sadiq Khan has used a visit to a Yorkshire factory making new Tube trains to call for more long-term government funding for similar work.

An article on the BBC says half of a new 94-strong fleet of Piccadilly line trains are being built at the Siemens Mobility site in Goole.

Mr Khan said funding uncertainty meant future Transport for London (TfL) deals for regional suppliers were “at risk”.

The Department for Transport said it would consider longer-term funds if TfL gave more information about its plans.

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Rail passengers arriving in York will now be offered the option to hop on an e-scooter or e-bike to finish the final leg of their journey.

An article on York Press says TIER, the UK’s largest micro-mobility company, has partnered with Zipabout, a personalised journey information provider, to bring its ‘last mile’ journey option to people in York as well as London.

Anyone opted in to receive information from Zipabout’s rail clients, including National Rail Enquiries and LNER, can now be directed to TIER e-scooters and e-bikes for the final stretch of their route.

The National Railway Museum in York has received £2.5 million from The Liz and Terry Bramall Foundation to fund a new interactive gallery for families called Wonderlab.

The gift from the Yorkshire-based charitable foundation is the largest single donation to be received by the museum, excluding lottery grants.

Due to open in May 2023 on the site of the museum’s former workshop, the gallery will be known as *Wonderlab: The Bramall Gallery* and will host family and school visits.

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