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Railway workers are to stage a series of 48-hour strikes in December and January in the long-running dispute over jobs, pay and conditions.

An article on the ITV website says more than 40,000 members of the Rail, Maritime and Transport union across Network Rail and 14 train operating companies will strike on December 13, 14, 16 and 17 and on January 3, 4, 6 and 7.

There will also be an overtime ban across the railways from December 18 until January 2, meaning RMT will be taking industrial action for four weeks.

A Department for Transport spokesman said: “We once again urge union leaders to work with employers and come to an agreement which is fair for passengers, taxpayers and workers alike.”

The first of the new Tyne Wear Metro trains will arrive in Newcastle in December 2022.

An article on the Chronicle Live says it won't be until late in 2023 that passengers can take their first trip on the first of the 46 Swiss-built Metro trains, which Nexus say will be 15 times more reliable than the current fleet.

Manufacturer Stadler has finished at least two of the trains so far and has tried the new Metro on its track in the Czech Republic, where Metro drivers will be taken in groups to get to grips with the Class 555 Metro train.

A new £4.7 million rail depot in Peterborough will create dozens of jobs in the city.

An article on the Peterborough Telegraph says GB Railfreight (GBRf), announced that the depot – which is being built by Cairn Cross Engineering – will create around 60 jobs during construction and a further 20 permanent jobs when the project completes next Summer.

This continues GBRf's sustained investment in Peterborough and Eastern England following construction of its new £3 million Peterborough HQ last year. The depot is scheduled to open next summer.

A 1.7 mile-long network of conveyors has begun operating in West London, and will move over five million tonnes of spoil excavated for the construction of HS2.

The use of the conveyor will remove the need for one million lorry movements from roads in West London, reducing traffic congestion and emissions in the local area.

HS2's contractors, Balfour Beatty VINCI SYSTRA joint venture (BBVS JV) and Skanska Costain STRABAG joint venture (SCS JV), have collaborated to construct the network of conveyors which meet at the HS2 Logistics Hub at Willesden Euro Terminal.

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