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Faster trains and extra seats that had been promised for the London-Edinburgh East Coast line in a flagship £1.2 billion upgrade will be delayed for at least a year.

The article in The Guardian says about 40 more train services and 20,000 extra seats a day were due to be added next May after the biggest engineering programme on the existing railway.

However, problems with enhancing the electrical power supply, as well as restoring cracked Azuma trains, have led Network Rail to warn the government it should not attempt the planned May 2022 timetable change.

The article says that according to an email seen by the magazine Modern Railways, Network Rail has now recommended that the new timetable be deferred to May 2023 “or beyond”.

A new ticket hall and lifts have opened for customers at Whitechapel station as the original entrance on Whitechapel Road has reopened with the addition of step-free access to London Underground and London Overground platforms.

This comes as Whitechapel Elizabeth line station has officially transferred to London Underground (LU) from Crossrail with LU staff now operating the new station facilities. It is the seventh Elizabeth line central section station to transfer to Transport for London.

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The Ely to Peterborough rail line reopened this morning (Tuesday 24 August) following completion of works to repair damage caused by a collision between a freight train and a tractor last week.

The collision caused extensive damage after the freight train derailed, damaging over a mile of track, signalling equipment and the level crossing infrastructure.

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Northern is giving people the chance to ‘Go Do Your Thing’ and travel on its network for just £1.

As part of a flash sale, the operator is making more than a million advance purchase tickets available from today.

And those taking advantage of the offer will experience travel on a transformed network as Northern has worked tirelessly during the past 18 months to make significant improvements.

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