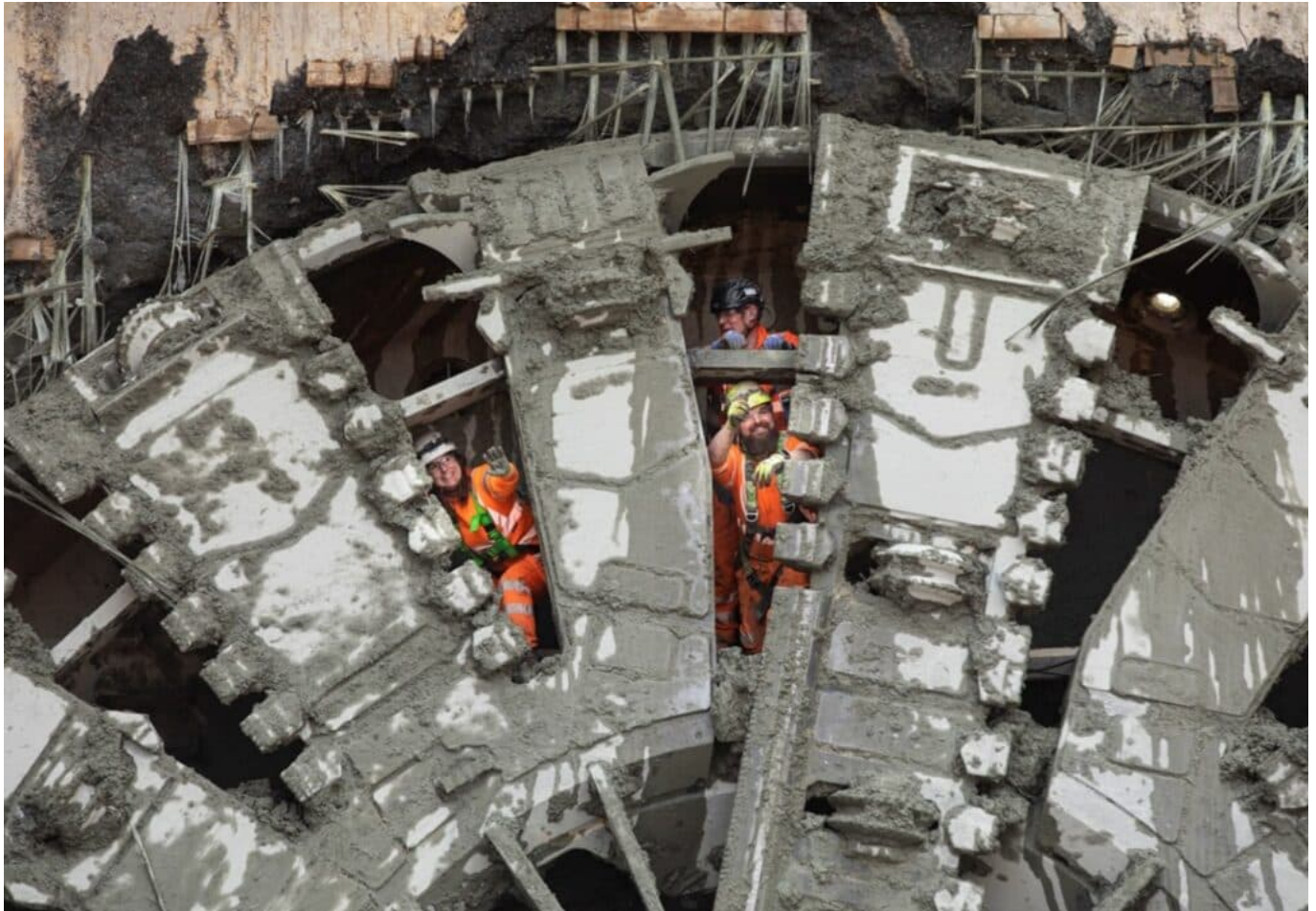


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HS2's first giant tunnelling machine – which launched almost 3 years ago – broke through at the end of her 10-mile (16km) journey under the Chilterns, excavating the longest tunnel on the ambitious new rail project.

The enormous 2,000 tonne Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM), named 'Florence', is one of 10 machines

excavating the 32 miles of tunnel on the new railway linking London Euston with Birmingham and was the first to launch, in May 2021.

Passengers on the Central line will have about a third fewer trains than normal during the evening rush hour under an emergency timetable, it can be revealed.

An article on The Standard says details emerged on Wednesday of the train schedules that will run as Transport for London tries to mitigate long-term problems with broken trains and even out gaps in service.

A TfL spokesperson said: “We have now introduced a new timetable on the Central line to make journeys more even and to create more certainty for customers while we continue to carry out urgent work to fix motors on the ageing train fleet. This will mean a more consistent frequency across the whole line while this work is undertaken.

“We apologise for the ongoing situation and our engineers are working around the clock to address the issues as soon as possible.”

FirstGroup has announced that its open access rail service Lumo is in discussions with Transport Scotland and Network Rail to extend some of its London-Edinburgh trains to and from Glasgow.

Having identified opportunities to extend a number of daily journeys to and from Glasgow in the timetables for 2025 and beyond, work will now continue with Transport Scotland and track infrastructure manager Network Rail to agree final route options and timings ahead of an application for access rights to the Office of Rail and Road (‘ORR’), the industry regulator.

If successful, the new services could be in operation from next summer.

The next generation of Tube buskers are battling it out at auditions on Wednesday for the right to entertain passengers on the London Underground.

An article in The Standard says about 280 have been selected from 500 applicants to perform in front of judges in a “real life” setting – with the first 30 appearing at Southwark Tube station on Wednesday morning.

Auditions will also be held at Bank, Blackfriars, Canary Wharf and Farringdon over the next 10 days.

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