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Transport for London will be given £1.08 billion from the government to compensate for lost income during the pandemic, but the cash is conditional on it producing proposals for driverless Tube trains.

The article features in several of the newspapers including The Times that says the settlement, which will run until December 11, is the third bailout by the government during the pandemic, bringing total government support to TfL to more than £4 billion.

Grant Shapps, the transport secretary, has attached conditions, one of which obliges TfL to produce draft

proposals for driverless trains on the Piccadilly and Waterloo and City Lines.

The conditions also include a requirement for a pay freeze for all TfL staff earning more than £24,000 a year and a review of its pension scheme.

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Network Rail has completed essential upgrades to the railway between Euston, the Midlands, North West and Cumbria over the late May bank holiday.

Between Saturday 29 and Monday 31 May, teams carried out vital work on the railway to improve passenger and freight services on the West Coast main line – the Backbone of Britain.

Network Rail has also completed essential track works over the Bank Holiday weekend on the Great Eastern Main Line to reduce the number of delays and cancellations between Norwich and London.

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DP World has announced that its two deep-water ports at Southampton and London Gateway have become the first in the country capable of handling Freightliner's new 775 metre intermodal container trains – further cementing the critical role of the smart logistics hubs in Britain's international supply chain.

The longest in use on the national rail network, the new 775 metre trains are 250 metres longer than a typical freight train and carry between 12 and 14 additional containers on each service, generating significant cost and environmental benefits for customers transporting goods to and from the ports.

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London Euston has become the first railway station in the country to provide the latest passenger information using British Sign Language.

From today 10 passenger information touchscreens have gone live around the major Network Rail managed transport hub.

A further 10 will be installed by the end of 2021 and an additional large screen will also soon be unveiled beside the arrival and departure boards on the main concourse.

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