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Construction unions Unite and GMB have secured the first access agreement for the HS2 development.

The agreement has been signed between the unions and the Mace/Dragados joint venture company which will undertake the construction of the new Euston Station.

The agreement secures the right of trade union representatives to visit the project's inductions as well as welfare facilities to talk to all the workers on the site during their breaks, in order to deal with any concerns or worries that they may have.

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Six innovative and pioneering projects exploring the benefits and applications of 5G technology in the transport sector have been awarded a share of a £1.6 million investment fund.

West Midlands 5G (WM5G) and Transport for West Midlands (TfWM), which is part of the West Midlands Combined authority (WMCA), have partnered to award funding for the development and deployment of 5G-enabled innovations that will enhance road, rail and bus usage across the region.

This includes autonomous information robots at Birmingham New Street station, to the use of connected technology and smart sensors to quickly identify track and power line defects on the region's rail and tram networks.

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TransPennine Express (TPE) in partnership with Everdelta, is the first UK train company to introduce brand new Express Help Points and video calling at stations, benefiting rail customers across the North of England.

Featuring modern technology, the Express Help Points allow customers to use their mobile phones to instantly connect with a friendly member of the TPE team – even when at an unstaffed station.

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South Western Railway has announced the retirement of Don Buckley, who is thought to be the longest-serving railway employee in the country.

At 82 years old, Don has been working at London Waterloo for almost seven decades. Most recently, he worked three shifts per week, helping visually impaired and disabled passengers around Waterloo station, as well as providing unrivalled London knowledge to customers.

He was given an official send-off at an event at Waterloo station yesterday. He said: "While all good things come to an end, Waterloo will always have a very special place in my heart."

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