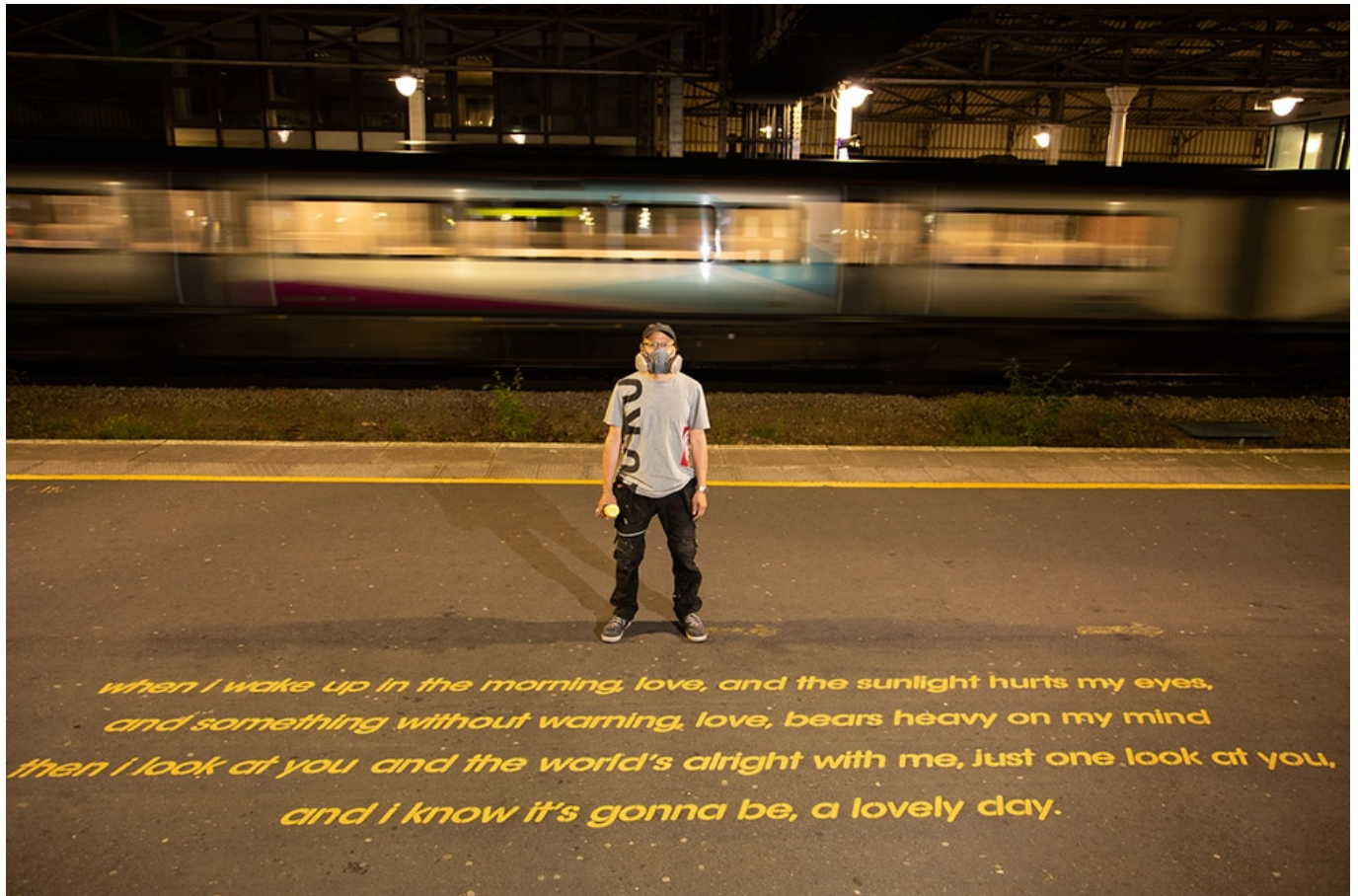


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Thales and Hitachi are entering exclusive negotiations on the sale of Thales' railway signalling business valued at €1.66bn (£1.4bn).

The article in City AM says Thales is carving out its Ground Transportation Systems Global Business Unit (GTS), which the company says employs 9,000 people across the world.

French firm Thales is looking to streamline its operations and assure shareholders and investors of the core focus of the business: high tech equipment for aerospace, defence and digital identity and security.

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The first algorithm to detect delays automatically on the tracks has been developed.

The intelligent tool was developed by researchers at the University of Portsmouth in conjunction with First MTR South Western Railway via a two-year knowledge transfer partnership (KTP), funded by Innovate UK.

University researchers automatically analysed data to determine the point of delay, identify which trains would be affected and select the appropriate contingency plans to get the services back on track.

The intelligent tool is designed with machine learning techniques to reduce dramatically the time to analyse and process the data.

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The Go-Ahead Group has announced two appointments to strengthen its senior management team.

David Statham, who has been Managing Director of Southeastern since 2014, will be moving to a new role in the group's executive team as Go-Ahead's Strategy Director.

Taking on the leadership of Southeastern will be Steve White, presently Deputy CEO of Govia Thameslink Railway. Both appointments will be effective from October 2021.

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Commuters at Huddersfield Railway Station will be sure to have a lovely day when greeted by a new piece of artwork unveiled by the creator of Manchester's famous Marcus Rashford mural.

An article in the Yorkshire Post says street artist Akse, was commissioned by TransPennine Express to mark the station's 175<sup>th</sup> birthday.

To mark the occasion, commuters stepping onto the platform at Huddersfield are being greeted by the lyrics of Bill Withers' song, Lovely Day.

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