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A holistic, sustainable and collaborative approach to transport investment is the key to enhancing the UK's connectivity and unlocking opportunities for people and businesses, according to [Transport for the North](#) (TfN).

In its submission to the Union Connectivity Review – with Sir Peter Hendy at the helm – the Sub-national Transport Body says a joined-up plan for cross-border investment is critical.

It says done right, improved connectivity between the nations and regions of the UK will encourage trade and inward investment by improving links to the nationally significant ports and airports, and faster links between the economic assets that they serve.

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A revamp for Reading West Station is on the cards after rail bosses went back to the drawing board.

An article on Berkshire Live says Great Western Railway second attempt at a revamp for the station in Oxford Road is set to go before planning bosses.

The plans would see a new building put up on Oxford Road, which would span the entrances to the platforms.

It would contain a ticket office, a shop and a new ticket barrier.

A comprehensive ‘route map’ to help keep proposed light rail schemes on track has been published by UKTram.

Developed by the experts at the organisation’s Centre of Excellence, the document provides a step-by-step guide for project sponsors and aims to help them build a solid case for their plans and a clear path towards successful operations.

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Finally, and Van Elle, has appointed David Buckley to lead its specialist rail division.

David, who has a geotechnical background, joins Van Elle from Balfour Beatty where he was most recently the Director and General Manager of the organisation’s track monitoring business Omnicom, having previously been technical services and engineering director of Balfour Beatty Rail.

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