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Welcome to the railway news round-up.

In today's headlines, Network Rail's southern region has started tendering the first package for a new 10-year-plus partnership for the delivery of building and civils renewals on the network.

Construction Enquirer reports a fresh delivery approach will involve a switch to integrated and collaborative Project 13 principals of delivery for an estimated work programme of £4.5bn to £9bn over Control Periods 7 and 8.

The Southern Integrated Delivery model will be used to deliver all categories of railway asset work

including signalling & telecoms, track, buildings & civils, electrification and plant and minor works.

The Prince of Wales visited Glasgow Central station last week to view alternative fuel trains as part of the COP26 conference.

An article by the Glasgow Times reports that The Prince was photographed at the city centre station and onboard the engines as part of Network Rail's 'Green Trains @ COP26' event. He was given a tour of two trains- a Vivarail battery train and the Porterbrook HydroFLEX, a hydrogen-ready hybrid vehicle.

Siemens Mobility Limited has been awarded a contract worth £50m by Network Rail to deliver the next stages of the signalling element of the Carstairs remodelling project.

The remodelling project is being carried out on the West Coast Main Line (WCML), where the lines from London Euston and Edinburgh to Glasgow Central merge. It's hoped the increased line speed and reliability will encourage more passengers and freight operators to use the railway in Scotland.

Finally, The National Railway Museum and universities from Yorkshire and the north of England will investigate possible links between railways and the global slave trade as part of a £9,000 research project, the Daily Mail reports.

The project, titled Slavery and Steam: steam power, railways and colonialism – will consider whether steam power aided imperial expansion and also assess trains for their role in facilitating expansion.

Research will be supported by York, Leeds and Sheffield Universities – and will 'examine the economic, social and infrastructural legacy of steam and slavery across the later nineteenth and twentieth centuries'.

That's it from today's round-up. For the latest in rail news, visit news.railbusinessdaily.com