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The next stage of the transformational Elizabeth line is underway with lines from Reading, Heathrow, and Shenfield now connected with the new line's central tunnels.

The new 'through routes' will open up direct journeys across the capital and out to Heathrow Airport and the home counties, connecting jobs, homes, leisure and international travel and driving economic recovery.

Transport secretary Mark Harper said the opening of the routes was a “landmark moment” and will mean passengers can benefit from more frequent services, longer operating hours and direct state-of-the-art Elizabeth line services seven days a week.

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Network Rail has started groundwork preparations for the diversion of utilities for a major project to increase the capacity of Oxford station.

An article from Ground Engineering said the Oxford Corridor Phase 2 project, which has received £161m of government funding, will involve the construction of a new track, platform and accessible entrance on the west side of the station.

The new track and platform will improve the safety of the line, create capacity for additional Oxford to Birmingham passenger services, and reduce journey times by up to two minutes.

Hitachi Rail has been awarded a €368m framework agreement for the manufacturing of 46 new metro trains for the Milan metro by ATM.

The first part of the agreement has been committed for the delivery of 21 trains, which are due to enter service in spring 2024.

The new trains will help further renovate the public transport network of the Lombardy capital city, offering passengers more modern, accessible and comfortable transport.

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Finally, a North East DJ has gone viral after transforming a Tyne And Wear Metro carriage into a mobile rave.

Video footage shows Schak, originally from North Shields, performing on a metro service heading towards Newcastle while wearing a hi-vis vest to a jumping crowd. An article from ITV News said the clip has received more than 120,000 views.

Nexus, the operator responsible for public transport in Tyne and Wear, criticised the incident, describing it as a “prank” which could have caused alarm to other passengers.