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Today marks the one-month countdown before work starts to transform the way trains come in and out of Bristol Temple Meads.

Network Rail will be replacing the tracks and installing a new layout at a major junction just North of Bristol Temple Meads station – known as Bristol East Junction, paving the way for more train services to move more people, more reliably.

Over an eight-week period from Saturday 10 July to Friday 3 September, Network Rail engineers will be cutting out the old track, digging out the ballast and removing the old signal gantry.

This will be followed by laying new track and ballast, installing new signalling equipment and creating a clever new track layout.

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The North's leaders have called for a strengthened role overseeing the region's railways and certainty on committed Government investment.

Speaking at a meeting of the Transport for the North (TfN) Board yesterday, political and business leaders said they cannot continue to wait for the Government's Integrated Rail Plan – expected to outline commitment to HS2, Northern Powerhouse Rail (NPR) and other major rail projects – and that the plan should fully incorporate the North's priorities.

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Avanti West Coast is trialling digital technology to help customers navigate their way around railway stations step by step.

A digital wayfinding tool – an information system to guide people through a physical environment – in the form of a mobile app is available for customers who need to find their way at Birmingham International station.

The technology will be trialled until the end of July and if successful, the app or another of a similar nature, could be rolled out across Avanti West Coast managed stations.

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HS2 has launched a [national vote](#) to name the project's third Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) which is set to create a one-mile twin bore tunnel under Long Itchington Wood in Warwickshire.

Three names have been shortlisted from over 180 entries submitted by people in the county, who were asked to nominate the names of women closely associated with the county.

They are Anne – named after Anne Hathaway; Dorothy – named after Dorothy Hodgkin; and Mary Ann – named after Mary Ann Evans.

The vote is open, with the online competition running until the end of June.

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