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The HS2 Phase 2a: (West Midlands to Crewe) Bill has been given Royal Assent, cementing in law the government's commitment to bring the new high-speed railway to the north.

Construction of the first stage of the project between the West Midlands and London is already underway and now supporting more than 15,000 jobs and 500 apprenticeships.

Now that the Phase 2a Bill has been signed into law, HS2 Ltd will be able to start environmental works along the route with construction expected to begin on this section by 2024.

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The British Transport Police has named the rail worker who tragically lost his life on Tuesday morning as Tyler Byrne.

Chief Executive of Network Rail, Andrew Haines, says his thoughts are with the friends, family and colleagues of Tyler.

He says the last few days have been incredibly difficult for the railway family. In the days and weeks ahead they will be conducting their own investigations into the accident and supporting those carried out by British Transport Police and Rail Accident Investigation Branch.

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Nexus will from Monday start its most intense programmes of maintenance and modernisation for almost five years packed into a 14-day closure of a Metro line through the centre of Newcastle.

The work will allow the renewal of up to 18,000 metres of vital overhead power line to prepare the system for the arrival of a £362m new train fleet entering service from 2023.

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Finally, and a Glasgow Subway fan has shown his love for the underground network by painstakingly recreating a city station and entire above ground street area – using only LEGO.

The article on Glasgow Live says Chris Miller's amazing model contains a miniature version of an iconic subway cab in orange and grey – running on a real track – as well as Irn-Bru vending machines.

Alongside that, he built an entire 'above ground' Glasgow street section which closely resembles the area around Bridge Street station.

*Photo credit: HS2 Ltd*