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Network Rail is carrying out 530 projects worth £83 million to upgrade railway for passengers over the Easter bank holiday weekend.

While the majority of the network – over 95 per cent – will be unaffected by the engineering works taking place, there will be disruption on some routes, so passengers are urged to plan ahead.

The work includes resignalling and switches and crossings works at Clapham Junction to improve safety, and plain line track renewals, switches and crossings and HS2 works at London Euston and Watford North Junction.

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Train travellers are facing disruption after a freight train derailed.

The article on the BBC says South Western Railway said the low speed derailment happened within a depot between Fareham and Eastleigh.

Trains from Fareham to Eastleigh are diverting to Southampton Central. Eastleigh to Fareham trains were also said to be diverting via Southampton Central from 9.30 this morning.

Trains running through the new Elizabeth Line stations are set to travel through stations completely empty for a number of weeks to ensure the service is “absolutely flawless” when it opens, the boss of Transport for London (TfL) said.

An article on Essex Live says the service called the Elizabeth Line – which will operate through Essex stations like Romford, Brentwood and Shenfield – is already more than three years behind schedule.

But bosses are refusing to allow customers to travel until they are certain the service will run smoothly.

HS2’s two enormous 2,000 tonne tunnelling machines digging the high speed rail project’s tunnels under the Chilterns have completed the first stage, up to the ventilation shaft at Chalfont St Peter.

This major achievement means that a combined total of over 3.6 miles has now been dug by the two machines – named Florence and Cecilia – since they launched from the southern end of the tunnels last summer.

The 78m deep shaft at Chalfont St Peter is the first of five that will provide ventilation and emergency access to the ten-mile-long twin tunnels – which are the longest on the project.

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