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Avanti West Coast is investing £45 million in a deal with BT to upgrade mobile and Wi-Fi infrastructure to improve connectivity for customers travelling on the West Coast Main Line.

The partnership will see BT add network capacity to nearly 200 cell masts via its mobile arm EE, boosting 4G network coverage on the West Coast route by June 2023 that will enable faster, more reliable onboard train Wi-Fi.

Investment by both organisations is designed to enhance and expand Wi-Fi coverage for customers travelling onboard Avanti West Coast trains through technology upgrades and addressing Wi-Fi blackspots where signal is weak or non-existent.

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HS2 Ltd has outlined key dates for project milestones for the next three years in its Corporate Plan 2021-24 adding a clear focus on the challenges for the coming 12 months.

An article on New Civil Engineer says the phase 2b western leg hybrid bill deposit is scheduled for February 2022, while other activity includes construction work, tunnelling and contract awards.

March 2022 will see construction begin on the Colne Valley viaduct.

Railway passengers in Greater Manchester move one step closer to faster, more frequent, more reliable trains after major railway upgrades were completed on time between Manchester Victoria, Rochdale and Stalybridge.

Work took place from Saturday 31 July until Sunday 15 August to completely reconstruct railway bridges on Dantzic Street and Queens Road and strengthen and waterproof Bromley Street and Oldham Road bridges.

Over 3,000m of track was upgraded and track remodelled between Manchester Victoria and Stalybridge. 17 new signals were also installed.

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Preparatory works for major improvements to Reading West Station have started this week with roadworks on the Oxford Road to make space for a brand new station building.

Reading Borough Council is leading on a £3.3 million project to transform Reading West, working in partnership with Great Western Railway and Network Rail.

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