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Engineers are set to work ‘around-the-clock’ for six weeks to prepare the Barrhead to Glasgow rail line for a £63.3 million electrification project.

An article on Project Scotland says it marks a ‘critical’ stage of preparatory works in the project, which will see Network Rail undertake work at four key stations – Kennishead, Priesthill and Darnley, Nitshill, and Barrhead – with engineers installing overhead power cables required for the introduction of electric services on the route, as well as ducting work and parapet modifications.

Taking place between June 24 and August 4, work will also see the removal of the existing footbridge at

Nitshill station on July 6 as it does not provide the required clearance height for the new overhead equipment.

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Plans for major improvements at Boston's railway station are due to go on show to the public later.

An article on the BBC website says operator East Midlands Railway (EMR) said the work would transform the station into a "gateway to the future".

More than £2.8 million of government cash will be spent on the project, which will include improved toilets, a new cafe, community space and waiting facilities.

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It's full speed ahead to build the first operational phase of HS2, Britain's new low-carbon high-speed railway, and UK businesses are being encouraged to get ready for the next stream of multi-million pound contracts that will soon be released.

The high-speed network linking Birmingham Curzon Street and Old Oak Common Station opens to passengers in a decade's time, and over 3,000 UK-based businesses are already onboard helping to build the network of viaducts, tunnels, and bridges along the route.

In readiness for the next stage of the construction programme, HS2 is searching for more UK companies to progress its civil engineering works, start fitting out the first of its new state-of-the-art stations, and support the manufacture of its fleet of high-speed trains.

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Service was temporarily halted on a line of Mexico City's subway system after a chicken got loose on the tracks.

An article on the Mail Online says video distributed by the city's Metro system Monday showed the electricity cut off at a station near the city's centre on Sunday.

The video showed maintenance personnel and civil defense officers in hard hats chasing the elusive bird around the tracks with brooms, gloves and a trash bag.

The chicken eluded several attempts to capture it before one worker tossed his coat over the bird.

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