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Train operators across the region are asking passengers to avoid travelling by rail during the very high temperatures today and tomorrow.

An article on the ITV website says Network Rail is imposing speed restrictions in a bid to protect the rail infrastructure from damage.

There are fears that buckled rails, sagging overhead lines or other major faults could block lines completely and cause severe delays in the extreme high temperatures.

Network Rail has said it will close the East Coast Main Line (ECML) for all locations between London King's Cross and York and Leeds due to the extreme weather expected tomorrow (Tuesday 19 July).

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Manchester City Council (MCC) has outlined the changes it will be petitioning to see in the HS2 Phase 2b bill, including a switch to a through station at Manchester Piccadilly and new Metrolink services.

An article on New Civil Engineer says the bill for HS2 Phase 2b, which will grant the power to build the high-speed line from Crewe to Manchester, passed its second reading in Parliament with an overwhelming majority last month. The bill now moves into the committee phase.

The committee is made up of around 17 MPs with the same party representation as is in the House of Commons, and affected parties can bring their concerns about the bill to this group in a petition, hoping to convince them to make changes to it before it receives Royal Assent and becomes law.

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Businesses across the Midlands have been urged to have their say about improvements to a rail route between Shrewsbury and Birmingham.

An article on the BBC website says work on the line linking Shrewsbury, the Black Country and Birmingham is expected to improve commutes for workers in those areas.

Midlands Connect plans to submit proposals to the government in the coming weeks.

The survey results will be announced after it closes on 5th September.

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Passenger tram services on the new West Midlands Metro extension from Library to Edgbaston began yesterday.

Phase two of the Birmingham Westside Metro extension takes the line along Broad Street to Hagley Road adding three stops along the way at Brindleyplace, Five Ways and the end of the line at Edgbaston Village.

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