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The RMT has suspended plans for rail strikes on 30 March and 1 April.

An article on Sky News says the union had scheduled the walk-outs as part of a long-running dispute over pay, jobs and conditions for staff working across 14 rail operators.

It comes after the RMT announced on Monday that union members at Network Rail had voted to accept a revised pay offer in a similar dispute.

Leaders across the West of England and South Wales have revealed their vision on how they think train services should look by 2050.

An article on Greatest Hits Radio says it's hoped journey times across the region could nearly half.

The vision is being led by the Western Gateway Partnership and sees a collaboration with the Transport for Wales and the Western Gateway Sub-National Transport Body, and shows how the area could see faster journey times between local cities, while drastically improve journeys to London – and elsewhere across the UK.

The Wolverhampton City Centre Metro extension moves closer to operation as it was announced that the final works on Pipers Row will be completed next month.

The activity, which means Metro services to a new terminus outside the city's revitalised railway station, will involve a short period of resurfacing activity during April.

Final dates for the resurfacing works are currently being co-ordinated with partners and will involve laying new asphalt in segments of Pipers Row where drainage activities have recently been completed.

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The South Wales Metro has taken another important step forward with the arrival of the first brand new tram-train to Transport for Wales' (TfW) new depot in Taff's Well.

The Class 398 tram-train was delivered by road to the new Taff's Well depot overnight on Tuesday 21 March.

The tram-trains have been built by Swiss manufacturer Stadler at its factory in Valencia, and have been undergoing extensive testing for several months at Network Rail's Rail Innovation and Development Centre in Leicestershire.

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