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Work is underway on the expansion of the West Midlands Metro depot at Wednesbury to accommodate the increased fleet of trams.

New extensions to the line in Birmingham and Wolverhampton city centres and a new line to Dudley town centre - currently under construction - means that more trams are required to operate on the growing network and more capacity needed to store and maintain them.

So regional transport bosses have launched a £43 million redevelopment of the Metro depot site in Potters Lane.

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Rail passengers in West Yorkshire are being advised to check before travelling and allow extra time for journeys in January and February.

An article on the ITV website says it's due to work being carried out to transform Morley railway station as part of a multi-million pound investment.

The railway station will be closed to allow for huge upgrade works to take place, including laying the foundations for new, longer platforms, realigning the track to support faster trains through the area and completing important drainage work.

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Rail, Maritime and Transport (RMT) union leader Mick Lynch has said its members will decide whether to accept an offer to end the long-running dispute over pay, jobs and conditions.

An article in the Evening Standard says the RMT general secretary claimed the Rail Delivery Group's (RDG) offer is "very challenging", adding: "I don't know if our members would be prepared to accept it."

But he stressed that members would be consulted over the coming days before the union's leadership makes a decision, GB News reported on Saturday.

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Trains will not stop at a forthcoming railway station in Devon until the spring, it has been confirmed.

An article on the BBC website says Devon County Council said the project at Marsh Barton, Exeter, had faced "challenges" with building supplies and recent weather conditions.

The council said standard "entry-to-service" procedures needed to be finished before the station could open.

It should have been finished in 2016, but spiralling costs and rail industry discussions have caused delays.

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