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The cost of completing Crossrail exceeds available funding, the government spending watchdog has found.

An article on the BBC website says the National Audit Office estimates the cost of the new rail link will be between £30 million and £218 million above the current funding.

Transport for London said there had been “many challenges”, but the line would be opened “as soon as possible”.

HS2 Ltd has announced that Kier Construction Limited will be appointed to deliver a major programme of highways and utility work on Phase 2a of the project, which will take the UK's new high speed railway north of the West Midlands.

Phase 2a will carry trains bound for destinations such as Glasgow, Liverpool, Manchester and the north west, speeding up overall end-to-end journey times and freeing up space on the existing network.

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Network Rail and Highways England have published the first phase of the Solent to the Midlands Multimodal Freight Strategy.

The strategy is the culmination of a year's work between the two organisations and represents a further step forward in the collaboration between Highways England and Network Rail in multimodal strategic planning and other areas to better serve customers.

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The winners of the 2021 Amazon everywoman in Transport & Logistics Awards have been announced.

Now in their 14th year, the awards celebrated 16 outstanding individuals working in the transport and logistics sector, honouring and championing their achievements as well as showcasing them as role models for the next generation of female talent.

Among the winners included Jaya Sajnani, Director and Transport Manager at YG Travel, who was named Woman of the Year. Congratulations to all the winners and those nominated.

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