

Great Western Route Modernisation Electrification Programme October – November 2014

Public engagement event in Wiltshire

We organised a public engagement event on 21st October at the Wiltshire Council offices in Trowbridge for local people to come and find out about the Electrification Programme.

The feedback we received was very positive, with people expressing their interest and support for the programme and the benefits it will bring.

As the programme progresses, we will provide updates on our public engagement events, publish information on our website, and on social media channels.

Next summer, we are undertaking a package of work in preparation for the electrification of the railway through Box Tunnel. Most of this will be completed at night, so trains can operate as normal for passengers.

Work which cannot be carried out at night is to be combined during a six-week period from 18th July to 31st August 2015, in two main phases.

This will lead to train services changes. Details are yet to be confirmed but below is a brief outline:

18th – 31st July 2015

- All trains will be diverted between Chippenham and Bath Spa
- One train per hour from Chippenham to London
- Trains via Westbury to Portsmouth and Weymouth will run as normal

1st- 31st August 2015

- Three trains per hour from Bath Spa: one to London, one to Cardiff and one to Gloucester via Bristol Temple Meads
- Comprehensive replacement bus service from Bath to Trowbridge and Westbury where connections are available for Salisbury
- Comprehensive replacement bus service between Bath and Chippenham

Wiltshire will remain open throughout the works next summer, even whilst we are undertaking these essential works to bring to people a quieter, greener and cleaner railway fit for the 21st century.

Corsham Station Footbridge

Work on this footbridge has been re-scheduled from Christmas 2014 to spring 2015. There will be minor works at beginning of December this year in order to divert utilities over a temporary services bridge. Once the diversion is completed, the bridge will reopen until beginning of 2015. Please bear with us while we reconstruct Corsham footbridge. We will do our best to keep the period of disruption to a minimum. We will be updating our webpage with details as the project progresses, please check <http://www.networkrail.co.uk/great-western-route-modernisation/wiltshire/>

Callow Hill

Work on this bridge is scheduled to start in spring 2015. As soon as the date is confirmed, we will be organising a public drop in event in Brinkworth, where all residents will be able to find out more about our plans and ask questions about the project. Please check our website for details:

<http://www.networkrail.co.uk/great-western-route-modernisation/wiltshire/>



Station Road/ Marlborough Road Bridge

Works on this bridge are scheduled to start in March 2015. We have agreed with Wiltshire Council to incorporate the footbridge into the new structure. We will be giving a presentation about this project to the Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council meeting in December 2014. In addition, we will be scheduling a public drop in event in January 2015. Please check <http://www.networkrail.co.uk/great-western-route-modernisation/wiltshire/>

Chaddington Lane/Swindon Road

The pre-application for listed building consent for this bridge was submitted to Wiltshire Council and conservation officers for their review. The full listed building consent will be submitted by the end of this year. Works on this structure are scheduled for spring next year. We will be maintaining access via a temporary bridge with a 38t weight limit.

School Hill Road

Works on this bridge continue on schedule. The new bridge deck units have been successfully tied-in and the deck span waterproofed (see below). The proposed opening is December 2014.



Skew Bridges - Hunts Mill and A3102 Bath Road

Work is scheduled to start at the end of 2015. Hunts Mill is a Grade II listed bridge so we are working closely with the Council and English Heritage to ensure our solution will be sympathetic and acceptable. In due course we will be holding a public drop in event, so keep an eye on our website for details: <http://www.networkrail.co.uk/great-western-route-modernisation/wiltshire/>

Templars Firs

The construction works continue on schedule, with the bridge deck being laid (picture below), installation of concrete blocks and bath stone face works to south east & west sides of the bridge. The proposed opening is January 2015.



Thingley Road

We hosted a public drop in event on 23rd October at the Springfield Leisure Centre in Corsham, to gather feedback from residents about the proposed diversion routes and plan. Work on this bridge is scheduled to start in February 2015. The road will be closed from 20th February 2015 to 2nd June 2015. Pedestrian access will be maintained via a temporary footbridge.

Our dedicated 24-hour National Helpline:

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