

THE GREAT NORTH RAIL PROJECT

June 2018 update



Department
for Transport

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By 2022, GNRP will deliver...



2,000 extra
services
every week



40,000 more
passengers
every day

500 new carriages





Ordsall Chord

- Completed in November 17
- First train over December 17
- Connects Manchester's stations for the first time
- Opens up new journeys to Manchester Airport







May 18 timetable change

- The May timetable should have been good news, and in many cases it is – it ushers in one of the biggest increases in capacity in our railway's history, with additional space and travel opportunities for tens of thousands more passengers.
- But, across the Thameslink network in the South-East, and the Northern network across the North, we've not yet been able to deliver fully, and collectively we apologise for letting passengers down.

May 18 timetable change

The challenge has been compounded by different factors:

- In early 2018, the Government accepted the recommendation to 'phase in' the new Thameslink timetable, which meant a major re-write of the new timetable for the South East was required.
- In January 2018, completion of the Manchester-Bolton electrification project was delayed. This meant the whole of the new timetable for the North would need to be re-written.
- In March 2018, the already very challenging situation was compounded by a delay in the planned arrival of new trains in Scotland, meaning major re-writes of the new timetable for Scotland and cross-border services.
- Some operators made late changes to their timetables during the 'adjustment' phase of timetable planning.
- Some operators also have industrial relations issues, with a ban on overtime or working on rest days, which has led to crew shortages as the new timetable beds in.

What are we doing to fix it?

- The rail industry is working round the clock to get the new timetable working properly.
- A temporary timetable on Northern, Great Northern and Thameslink services has been introduced to give greater certainty to passengers.
- Compensation is being offered to passengers who have been affected by disruption.
- Drivers will continue to be trained on new routes and timetables so that the full benefits for customers of the new timetable can be realised.
- We are carrying out a number of independent reviews to ensure lessons are learned and a similar situation is avoided in future.

Preston to Blackpool North upgrade complete

We've been working round-the-clock to allow greener, quieter and more reliable trains to run from May.

- Fitted 1,000 steel structures & 200,000m of OLE
- Installed 11,000m of new track
- Put in place 84 new signals
- Remodelled 11 station platforms
- Upgraded drainage systems



Liverpool Lime Street summer upgrade

- Final phase of Lime Street's major transformation taking place this summer (2 June – 29 July)
- Completion October 2018.
- Enabling three additional services per hour in/out of Lime Street, including new direct links to Scotland by 2019.
- Boosting station capacity – making room for longer trains, with more room for passengers.

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Final phase

A new dawn for the Liverpool City Region

The Liverpool Lime Street Upgrade is coming soon
2 June – 29 July 2018

As part of the Rail Upgrade Plan, Liverpool Lime Street is undergoing its biggest transformation. We're investing £340 million to allow for more trains with even more room for passengers. But don't worry, you can still get in and out of the city region, with lots of options to get you where you need to go. Please allow extra time for your journey.

To find out more and plan ahead visit: networkrail.co.uk/lir

Manchester-Bolton-Preston upgrade

- Project is continuing and we're working closely with Amey, the new buyer of Carillion's rail business.
- We remain committed to completing the Manchester-Preston upgrade in autumn



Manchester to Stalybridge upgrade 14-29 April

- The route between Manchester Victoria and Stalybridge is closed for 15 days for upgrades.
- This is to remove a signal box, re-signal sections of the railway and remodel the track at Ashton Moss North Junction.
- The work will improve journey times and deliver a more reliable railway.

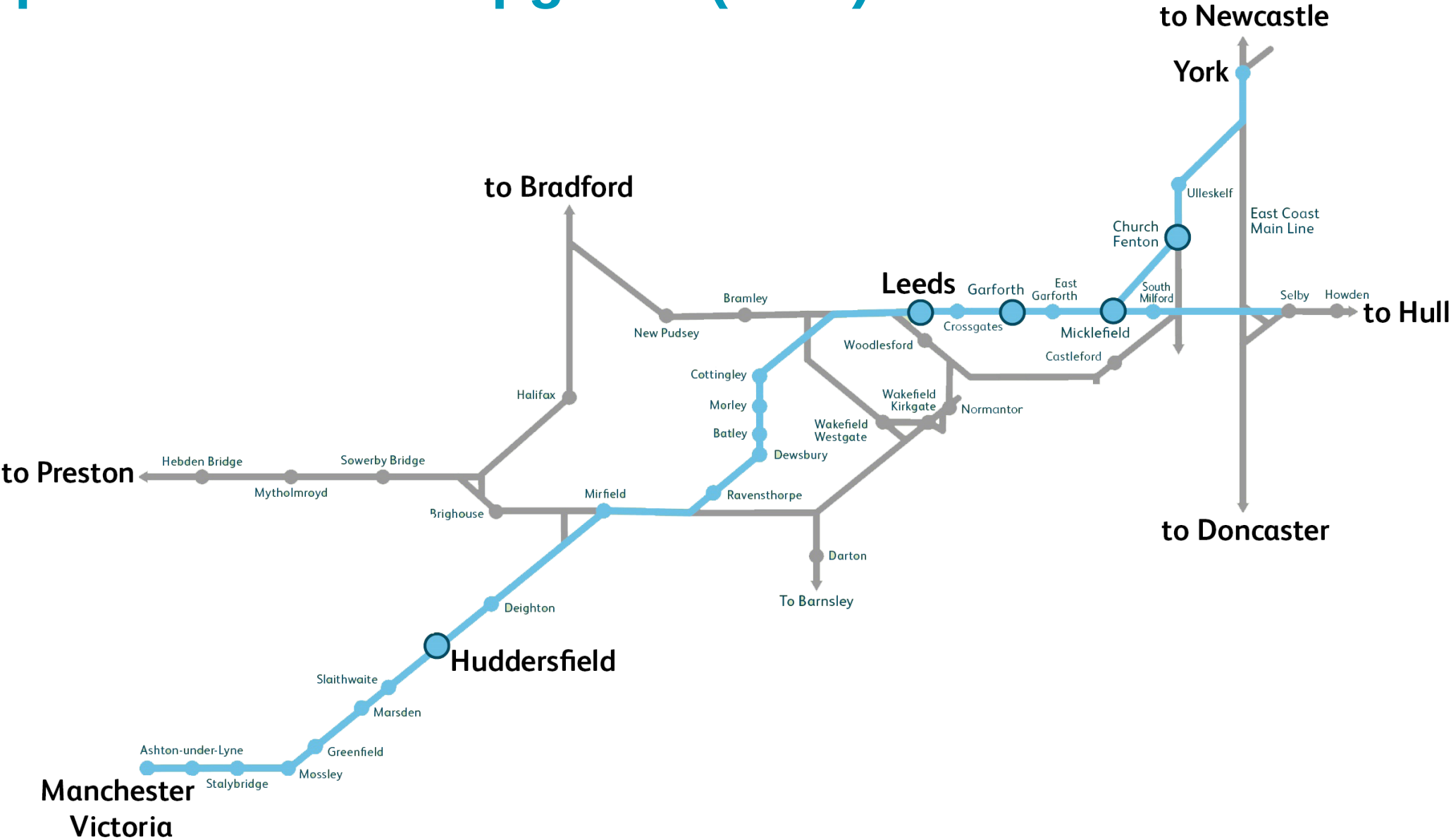


Wigan Springs Branch depot, Ince-in-Makerfield

- We're investing £46m on a new train depot at Springs Branch sidings.
- New depots are needed to enable the more frequent services and additional trains planned by 2020.
- Includes staff accommodation, train washing and fuelling capabilities.
- Opening in December 2019.



Transpennine Route Upgrade (TRU)



Rolling stock improvement



Thank you

Any questions?