

THE NORTH

Investment of £1 billion will electrify key rail routes and upgrade stations and tracks across the North, providing space for 44 million more passengers a year, making journeys between major northern cities faster, quieter and more reliable.



Journeys between Leeds and Manchester reduced
by about 10 minutes



7,000 extra seats
into Liverpool during the morning peak

Journeys from Liverpool and Manchester reduced
by 10-15 minutes

25,000 extra seats
into Manchester during the morning peak

The North East



New intercity express trains
will deliver faster, more reliable and more comfortable journeys

50%

As a result, over all capacity will increase
by 50% on the East Coast line

Merseyrail and Northern Rail



Merseyrail is refurbishing all of its underground stations
including a £20 million investment in Liverpool Central



The Bike&Go cycle hire scheme will be extended
across Merseyrail and Northern Rail



The country's first tram-train will be piloted
better connecting communities between Sheffield and Rotherham

SCOTLAND

ScotRail



23% more carriages
across the network



80 new trains
due to arrive from December 2017



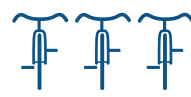
Free WiFi capability
throughout all carriages



Bike&Go scheme at 10 stations



£1.6 million investment
in more cycle parking spaces



Improved cycle capacity
on off peak trains



New intercity fares
Standard class fares between any two Scottish cities starting at £5



Journey times cut by 13 minutes
between Edinburgh and London on the East Coast Main Line by the new Virgin Trains franchise

Borders Railway

The Borders Railway will **re-establish passenger railway services** from Edinburgh through Midlothian to Tweedbank in the Scottish Borders for the first time in 40 years, including the creation of **seven new stations**.

WALES

Arriva Trains Wales

The electrification of the Cardiff and Valley Lines will cut delays, provide more reliable journeys and the potential for hundreds of extra peak time seats for passengers.



More frequent and faster journeys between North and South Wales
by restoring the route between Wrexham and Chester to a double line track



Station upgrades will benefit passengers
travelling through Cardiff Central, Cardiff Queen Street, Llandudno, Pontypridd, Rhyl, Ystrad Mynach and Aberystwyth



Links between London and South Wales will be improved
by electrification of the South Wales Main Line between the Severn Tunnel and Swansea, potentially making journeys faster and more frequent



New and extra platforms
at Cardiff, Pontypridd, Caerphilly and Barry will deliver increased capacity and more reliable journeys



Better internet connectivity
for all Crosscountry services travelling through Wales



New intercity express trains
will offer quicker and more reliable journeys on First Great Western services to and from Swansea

HOW WE ARE IMPROVING THE RAILWAY IN YOUR AREA

Work is taking place to maintain and improve the railway in and around your area. Money to pay for this comes from a variety of sources including UK, Welsh and Scottish Governments, local authorities, passenger income, Network Rail and the private sector.

As well as the significant improvements detailed in the following pages, we are investing billions of pounds in smaller, less visible schemes to maintain the railway.

Work to repair and replace points and tracks, maintain tunnels and bridges and keep signals working can sometimes go unnoticed. It often happens out of the public's sight – overnight or at weekends – but is vitally important to keeping passengers safe and making trains run on time.

Over the next five years, passenger operators will compete for franchises which cover over 60 per cent of the market, bringing the promise of further improvements and innovations for passengers.

EAST OF ENGLAND

The completion of refurbishments at Bishop's Stortford, Chelmsford and Cambridge stations will deliver improvements such as better cycle facilities, clearer information screens, new ticket halls and upgraded toilets.



New station

in the north of Cambridge serving the city's growing science park



More services

to serve the growing market between Cambridge and Stansted airport



Capacity doubled

on Great Northern services from Cambridge to London by 2018

Abellio Greater Anglia

Abellio Greater Anglia is improving hundreds of carriages running in the region including:

- power points
- better lighting
- upgraded toilets
- new carpets and seat covers



Improved WiFi

on services between Peterborough and Stansted



1,600 extra seats on weekdays

between London and the region's major cities by converting some First Class carriages

c2c Trains

Passengers on c2c trains serving the Essex coast will see:



Smartcards introduced

across the route



Automatic compensation

for registered customers who are delayed



Increased capacity

at peak hour into Fenchurch Street



Improved stations



Free WiFi

on trains and at stations

London and the South East

120,000

extra seats into London

during the morning peak by 2019 – a 20% increase

50%

more capacity into London

on the TSGN route from places such as Bedford, Peterborough and Sussex



Crossrail

Crossrail will bring an extra 1.5 million people within a 45 minute commute of central London



More seats between London and Kent

By 2018 there will be 1,000 extra high speed seats in the peak and 95,000 off-peak seats



London Overground is extending trains and station platforms

to meet growing demand and reduce crowding, while embarking on a series of station improvements



A new East-West rail link

between Bedford and Oxford, and Milton Keynes and Aylesbury will be built alongside Chiltern Railways' new Oxford to London line

Thameslink, Southern and Great Northern



New timetables

for improved punctuality and new cross-London journeys



Staff at the 100 busiest stations

from first to last service



Free WiFi

at 104 stations



1,400 new carriages

MIDLANDS

East Midlands Trains' passengers will benefit from the electrification of the Midland Main Line which will enable more trains to run more punctually on the line between London and Sheffield. Together with a fleet of new trains, passengers can look forward to faster, smoother, more comfortable journeys.

3,900

Space for 3,900 extra seats

into Birmingham during morning peak

Virgin Trains

Virgin Trains will spend £20 million on:



Improving stations

along its route

5,500

Provide 5,500 extra seats daily

by converting 21 First Class carriages to Standard class seats

London Midland

London Midland passengers will benefit from:



New, bigger station

at Bromsgrove



All new stations

at Coventry Stadium, Bermuda Park and Kenilworth

Birmingham New Street

The redevelopment of Birmingham New Street station will soon be completed, delivering:

- A more accessible station
- A concourse 3.5 times bigger than before
- Better pedestrian links to and through the station
- New entrances and a new public square

SOUTH WEST

First Great Western

Passengers between London, Oxford, Bristol and Cardiff will benefit from:



Faster, more frequent services

with the electrification of the Main Line



Upgrades to the Cornwall sleeper service

as part of major £146 million improvement programme



Reduced likelihood of floods cutting off or limiting Mainline services

by altering the profile of the River Exe at Cowley Bridge near Exeter



More seats and reliable journeys



New intercity express trains



£700m MetroWest project

will improve connectivity and deliver 3,200 more peak time seats through Bristol



Two new platforms

and a new entrance at Bristol Temple Meads

South West Trains

A £210 million project will provide:

24,000

Space for 24,000 more passengers

during peak time



150 new carriages

on the South West Trains route



Reopening the former International terminal at Waterloo

allowing 20 trains per hour on the line to Reading by 2017