NetworkRail

Fact Sheet

Electrification

As we prepare for the electrification of the railway between London Paddington and Cardiff, we are continuing our upgrade through South Gloucestershire this Christmas.

What the work involves

Following our summer upgrade, we will be working 24/7 from 10.30pm on Monday 24 December until 3.40am on Wednesday 2 January; between Patchway Station and The Severn Tunnel.

On the open route
In Patchway, Cattybrook and Pilning, we will install more wiring and complete snagging work on some of the steel structures in place.

Inside the Patchway Tunnels
We will complete the overhead conductor rail, install cables and repair drainage.

Access points and compounds
Throughout the duration our compound at Patchway Station, and our access points at Cross Hands Road in Pilning and at Green Lane, will be busy. Minibuses are being used to transport people to site. There will be vehicle movements and activity 24/7 along the full length of the route; between Patchway Station and The Severn Tunnel.

Travel implications

No trains run on 25 or 26 December. From Thursday 27 December until Tuesday 1 January, buses replace trains between Bristol Parkway and Newport and between Gloucester and South Wales.

Travelling via Bristol Parkway
We need to close Hatchet Road at the approach to Bristol Parkway station, to install a large, new signalling structure across the tracks using a crane.

Vehicles will not be able to access the station from Hatchet Road from 6.00am on 24 December until 4.30am on 27 December and will instead need to use Hunts Ground Road. Walking routes will remain in place. Please leave extra time for journey, whether travelling by car, bus or on foot.

Public buses will not use the station bus stops during this time. Therefore, station users will need to use the bus stops marked 'Ratcliffe Drive' on Hatchet Road.

For more information, visit www.nr.co.uk/westernupgrade

Upgrade: 24 December to 2 January

In South Gloucestershire, we will be working 24/7 from 22.30 on Christmas Eve until the early hours of Wednesday 2 January. Check before you travel www.nationalrail.co.uk/christmas

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