

York to Church Fenton Improvement Scheme – Project Tracker

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Welcome to Issue 22 of our monthly ‘project tracker’, which is designed to give you a better overview of upcoming work as we continue to improve the railway between York and Church Fenton as part of the Transpennine Route Upgrade. Included are details of work scheduled for August 2022.

The Transpennine Route Upgrade (TRU) is a major, multi-billion-pound programme of improvements which will transform the railway between York, Leeds and Manchester and enable faster, more frequent, more reliable trains – supporting economic growth in the North and delivering real benefits for passengers, communities and freight services along this vital rail artery.

A key part of the Upgrade is the full electrification of the route to bring cleaner, greener, quieter trains. We have now started to install the first overhead electric wires between Church Fenton and Colton Junction, where trains join the East Coast Main Line into York.

Dates for this work are below. Electrification of this full ten-mile stretch is due to be completed in September 2022 with energisation of the wires set to take place in March 2024, enabling electric trains to run at up to 125mph – 30mph faster than they currently run.

Electric trains will enable faster journeys, better connecting passengers to their favourite towns and cities across the north more quickly, with calculated journey times of just 63–66 minutes between York and Manchester once complete.

When complete, across the full 70-mile route, rail passengers will be helping to save up to 87,000 tonnes of carbon emissions each year – equivalent to 5.9 million car journeys along the same route.


For people living near the railway, it will also mean better air quality and quieter trains.


To learn more about the York to Church Fenton Improvement scheme, please visit our dedicated webpage:








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If you have any further questions or concerns, you can get in touch with us at www.networkrail.co.uk/contact or call our 24-hour National Helpline on 03457 11 41 41.

Schedule of works

 Day time shift runs from 07:00 to 18:00.

 Night time shift runs from 21:00 to 08:00.

Works	Locations						
	Church Fenton	Ulleskelf	Bolton Percy	Braegate Lane	Colton Junction	Copmanthorpe	Holgate
OLE SPS Wiring Installation	09–11, 16–18, 30–31 	05, 12–13, 19–20, 26 		02–04, 06, 09–11, 23–25, 30–31 			
Cable preparation, relocation and installation			01–04, 08–11 		02–04, 08, 11, 15–18, 24–25, 30 	02–04, 08, 11, 15–18, 24–25, 30 	02–04, 08, 11, 15–18, 24–25 

Overview of works

OLE SPS Wiring Installation

What will we be doing: We are installing new overhead lines, together with support equipment which we call ‘Small Parts Steel’ or ‘SPS’. This will be used to support the conductors which will supply power to the electric trains that will use the route.

The equipment that will be used: Road-rail vehicles, cranes and hand tools will be used during for the installation. We expect the noise level to be moderate.

Cable preparation, relocation and installation

What will we be doing: We will be installing new signalling cables and repositioning existing cables alongside the line.

The equipment that will be used: Hand tools will be used during for the installation. We expect the noise level to be moderate.