

Boston rail freight route to get boost to reliability

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June will see a level crossing in Boston, Lincolnshire, being upgraded to boost reliability for freight services travelling to and from the local port.

Whilst engineers get to work, a section of the A16 will be closed to help them replace more than 140 metres of rail through Boston Bypass level crossing.

This closure will take place Saturday 11 June until 2pm on Sunday 12 June.

Network Rail teams will work around the clock to get the road ready for reopening.

Vincent Briggs, East Midlands route level crossing manager for **Network Rail**, said: "This essential work will allow us to reliably transport vital freight goods to and from the town's port for many years to come.

"We will need to close a major road into Boston to complete the upgrade safely, and I'm sorry for any inconvenience this causes. We'll be doing the work overnight and have worked with Lincolnshire County Council to keep the impact as low as possible."

Andy Lawrence, [Port of Boston Director for Victoria Group](#), added: “The Port of Boston are delighted that the upgrade is taking place. It is great for the network connection we have from the Port of Boston and the 260,000 tonnes a year of cargo that we put over it. This enables us to keep lorries off the road and dramatically reducing our carbon footprint by utilising rail.

“Rail Freight was important for the Port in 1884, when it was built, and it remains equally, if not more important in 2022, and the future, as we strive to divert even more cargo to the rail mode of transport, direct from a seaport.”