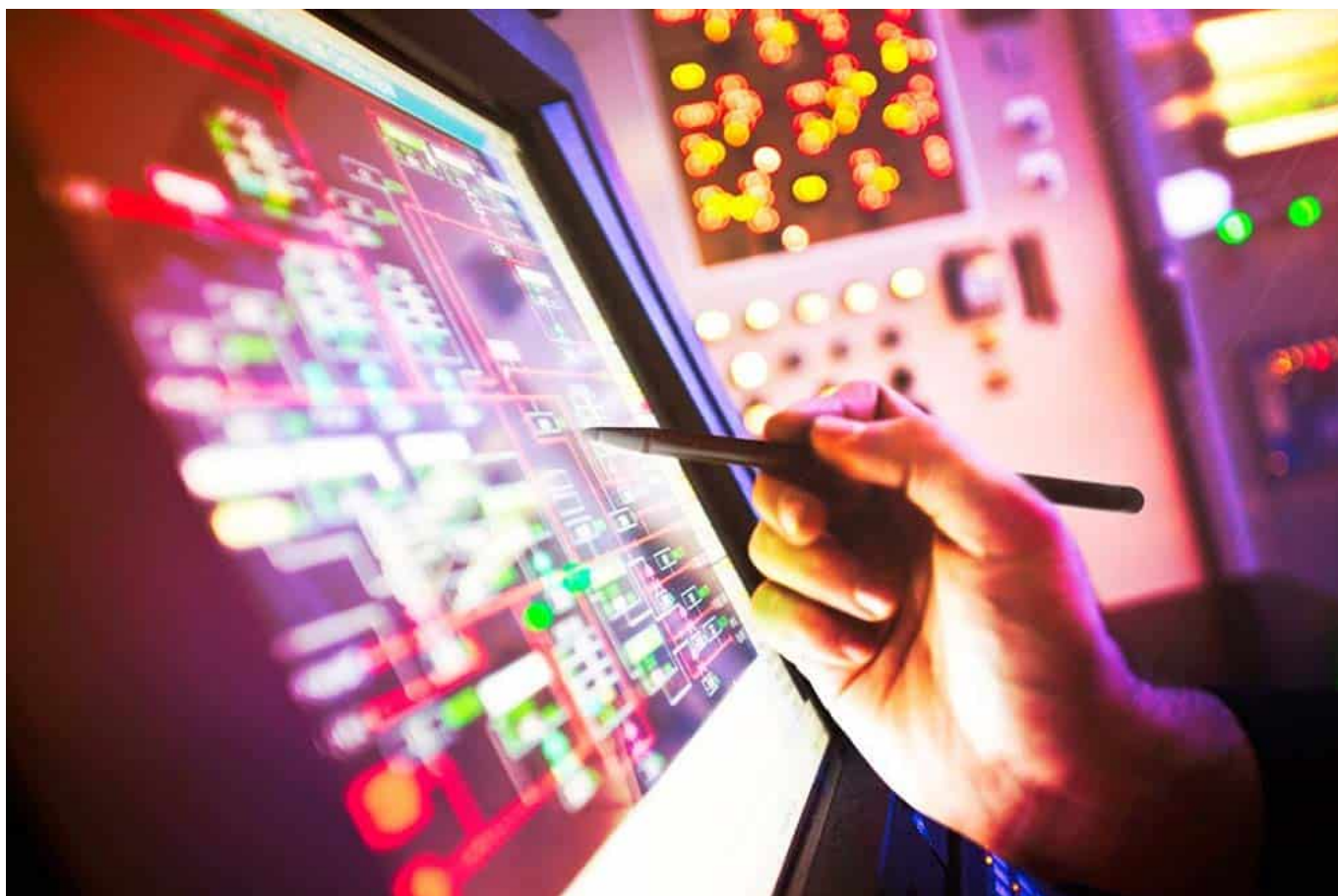


# Digital signalling work continues over August Bank Holiday on East Coast Main Line

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Passengers intending to travel between London Kings Cross and Stevenage and on Great Northern routes into Moorgate over the August Bank Holiday weekend are being asked to plan ahead due to engineering work, and check how their journey may be affected.

Work is taking place as part of the East Coast Digital Programme, which will see traditional signals removed from the tracks and replaced with state-of-the-art digital signalling technology. This will reduce delays and enable a more reliable service for passengers.

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On Sunday 28 August work between Welwyn Garden City and Hitchin will see the installation of 67 equipment cabinets which will prepare the route for the transition to digital operation.

This section of the East Coast Main Line will be the first section of the inter-city route to benefit from digital

signalling. There will be a new operating system, linked to a screen in the driver's cab, that continuously communicates with each train, rather than relying on fixed infrastructure signals. It is expected that the first trains to operate using the technology will run in 2025.

Over the Bank Holiday weekend, teams will also be working to upgrade the tracks in the Drayton Park area on the Northern City Line, between Finsbury Park and Moorgate. This will help to boost reliability and reduce disruption, helping to achieve a modern railway which is fit for the future.

New Southgate station will be closed on Sunday 28 August whilst improvement work takes place to replace the support structure beneath the current ticket office and relocate it.