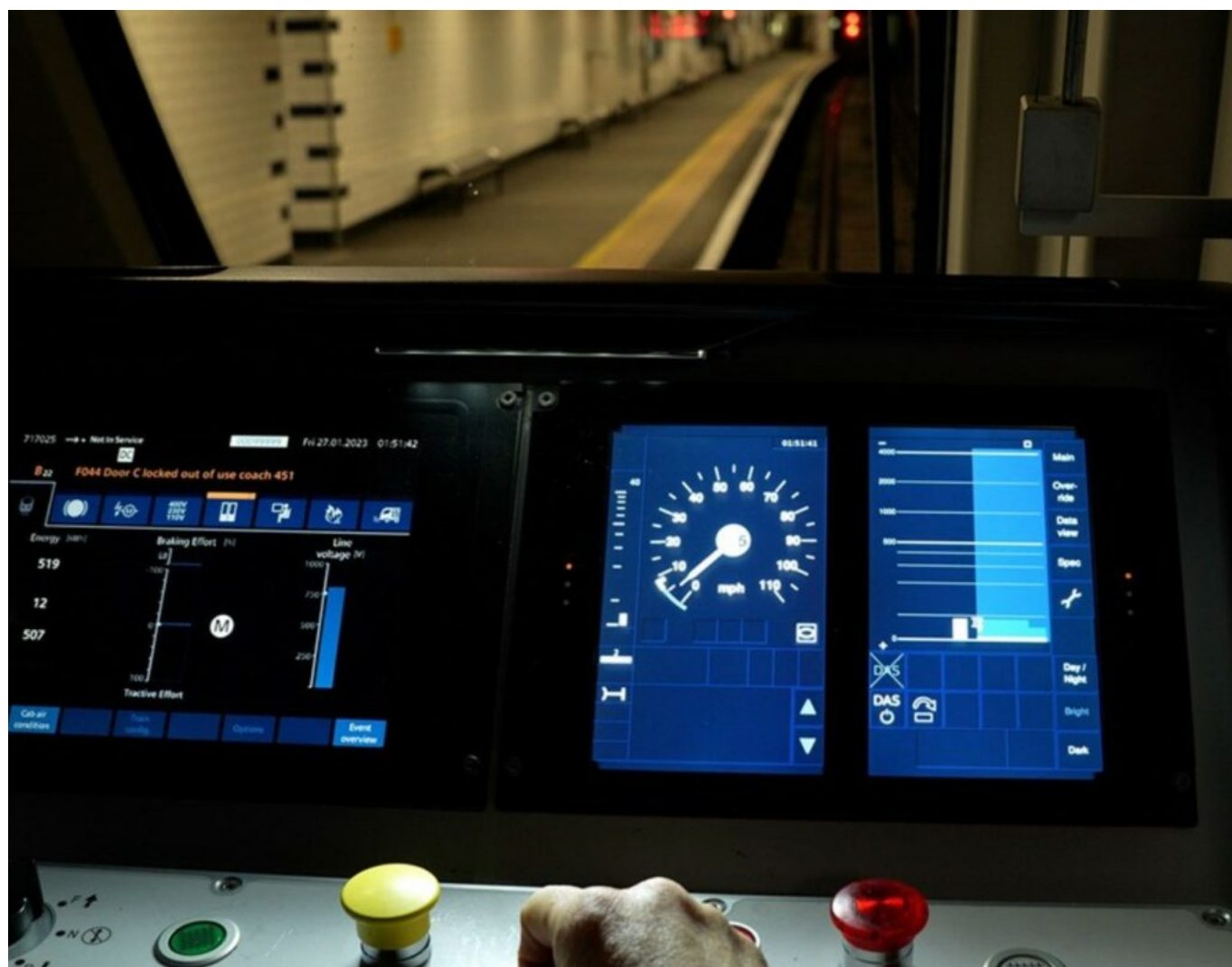


# East Coast Digital Programme moves forward – services affected this weekend

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The billion-pound East Coast Digital Programme continues this weekend.

Passengers planning to travel on the East Coast Main Line on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 February are being urged to plan ahead.

A brand-new signalling system is being brought into use in the Wood Green – New Barnet area of north London to boost reliability and make the area ready for digital signalling in the future.

New lineside equipment and technology is also being installed between Welwyn Garden City and Hitchin in Hertfordshire, preparing this section to become the first part of the East Coast Main Line to operate with **digital signalling**.

The government-backed [East Coast Digital Programme](#) will create the next generation of train travel, reduce carbon emissions and help passengers get to where they need to be, on time.

For the work to take place safely, no trains will run between St Neots (south of Peterborough), or between Royston and London over the weekend. London King's Cross and Moorgate stations will be closed and there will be no services to or from St Pancras International via Finsbury Park.

Passengers should check with National Rail or their train operator's website for the latest information on rail replacement services.

Paul Rutter, East Coast Route Director for Network Rail said: "It's exciting to see the East Coast Digital Programme moving forward as we get closer to offering passengers more reliable journeys along a digital railway that's fit for the future.

"There will be significant changes to services over the weekend so that we can deliver these benefits safely and we're sorry if this impacts people's plans. We've worked closely with train operators to keep people moving, so passengers should plan ahead."

Over the same weekend, a major track renewal programme will start around Preston station impacting services on the West Coast Main Line. Read more at [West Coast main line closure for Preston station track upgrades \(networkrailmediacentre.co.uk\)](#).

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