

## Major railway bridge renewal for road users and rail passengers in Crewe

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Motorists are being advised about a major bridge upgrade over the railway between Crewe and Chester.

Between February and October the old bridge on Middlewich Road will be removed and entirely replaced.

The £5.7m Great North Rail Project investment in conjunction with Cheshire East Council will make the bridge more reliable for road users and passengers using the railway below for decades to come.

Traffic will be affected by the work first when preparation for the bridge removal starts later this month.

Oluwole Osunneye, scheme project manager at Network Rail, said: "We are grateful to drivers and pedestrians in Crewe for their patience whilst we build a new bridge on Middlewich Road.

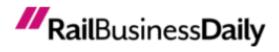
"This huge investment is part of the Great North Rail Project and will help to deliver a safe and reliable railway for years to come."

Middlewich Road will go down to one lane Monday - Friday between 24 February 2020 - 20 March 2020.

The road will then reopen until June but close again for work to complete by October 2020.

Some railway closures will be needed from June when the bridge itself will be removed and a new bridge built in August.

This project is another example of Network Rail and Cheshire East council working together to improve the



reliability of the road and rail network in Crewe.

It follows the £11m bridge refurbishment scheme at Sydney Road in September last year.

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