

Network Rail outlines work planned for May Bank Holiday

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Network Rail has said that its teams of engineers will be working 24 hours a day this upcoming May Bank Holiday to provide important improvements for passengers.

Along the West Coast main line, linking Glasgow Central to London Euston, engineers will replace the tracks at several locations including Carstairs, Beattock and Symington South.

As part of this programme to help make the railway infrastructure more resilient and reliable, structural improvement works will also take place at Cathcart Road in Glasgow.

The infrastructure owner said most of the country's services are unaffected by the plans, but due to the complexity of the engineering work, the programme cannot be delivered without some short-term closures of the line.

Passengers are being urged to plan ahead if travelling between April 30 and May 3, with information available on www.nationalrail.co.uk, or through individual train operators' websites.

And Network Rail is also reminding passengers of ongoing improvement works on the Argyle line, impacting services between Exhibition Centre and Rutherglen.

Liam Sumpter, Network Rail route director for Scotland, said: “The improvement works planned for the May Bank Holiday are crucial to improving the reliability of Scotland’s Railway.

“The work will help to provide a more modern railway while limiting future disruption for passengers.

“We understand the inconvenience this work will cause some customers, but such a significant programme cannot be delivered without temporary disruption.

“We would like to reassure passengers every effort has been made to reduce the impact of our activities as much as possible and we thank you for your understanding.”