

Stowmarket station getting new accessible bridge

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Stowmarket station is getting new bridge with lifts to make it more accessible for people who have restricted mobility.

The station got funding under the Access for All initiative in 2019. Currently, the only way to get across without steps is using a level crossing.

The funding will see the existing concrete footbridge removed and replaced with a new type of bridge that will be the first of its kind in the UK.

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It is a modular steel design, which is cheaper and quicker to construct. Lifts will be built into the bridge's design, making it much easier to travel between the platforms.

Construction is expected to start towards to end of next year.

Marek Dowejko, **Greater Anglia's** asset programme manager, said, "We're delighted to be able to progress this improvement scheme to help people access the station more easily.

"Thanks to this revolutionary new style of bridge the scheme was affordable and we have been able to use the Access for All funding efficiently and to the best outcome for passengers.

"We're looking forward to starting work next year."

Rebecca Richardson, **Greater Anglia's** accessibility manager, said, "We want everyone to be able to have a good journey with us and the plans for Stowmarket are going to make a big difference to people using the station.

"Along with the enhanced accessibility features of our new fleet of trains, this Access For All scheme means that we are really starting to transform rail travel for people with disabilities and other accessibility needs, making it much easier for them to travel, and we will continue to support our communities with their aspirations for improvements at other stations too."