

Upgrades continue at Leeds station this month in project to remodel track

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Work is ramping up on a major project to upgrade the track layout at Leeds station to bring more reliable services for passengers.

On Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 October, teams will be working around-the-clock to prepare the new track cross over and install new overhead wires. They will also install the new under track crossing between platforms 3 and 4, which is required for signalling cables to pass under the track.

This work is in preparation for teams to lift, replace and completely remodel the track between platforms 4 and 6 later this year. This upgrade will help to boost reliability for passengers in the North, allow more trains to run and reduce the impact of future unplanned disruption on the railway.

For this latest stage of work to be carried out safely, the following changes for passengers will be in place:

- **Saturday 30 October** – A reduced train service will run to/from Leeds station with some bus replacements in place
- **Sunday 31 October** – No trains will run to/from Leeds station before 11:40. A reduced service will then be in place for the rest of the day, with buses connecting passengers

Replacement buses will pick up on New Station Street. We are advising passengers to plan ahead and check their journey via National Rail Enquiries or with their train operator, allowing plenty of time to travel.

Matt Rice, North and East Route Director for Network Rail, said: “Our teams are making solid progress on platforms 4-6 and while it might not be the most visually spectacular upgrade, the work here will make a meaningful difference for everyone who uses Leeds by having fewer late running trains.

“We’re doing as much as we can without needing to use bus replacements, but that’s unavoidable for a few days in October and I’m asking those who might be making a last-minute decision to catch the train over the coming weekends to check their journey times before they travel.”

The project is expected to be completed early 2022.

Saturday 30 October

- Northern trains will run between York, Harrogate and Horsforth. Buses will connect passengers between Horsforth and Leeds
- An amended timetable will run between Leeds and Skipton. Passengers will need to change trains at Skipton for services to Morecambe / Carlisle
- Buses will replace Northern trains between Leeds and Kirkstall Forge
- LNER services to/from Harrogate will start/end at Leeds

Sunday 31 October (before 11:40)

- Buses will replace CrossCountry services between Wakefield Westgate and Leeds, and between York and Leeds
- LNER trains will start/end at Doncaster, Wakefield Westgate or York. A replacement coach service will run to/from Leeds
- TransPennine Express trains will run to an amended timetable. Replacement buses will connect passengers between Huddersfield/Selby and Leeds/York
- Buses will replace Northern trains between Leeds and Wakefield Westgate, where passengers will be able to connect to Doncaster or Sheffield via Moorthorpe
- Buses will replace Northern services between Leeds and Knottingley
- Buses will replace Northern trains between Leeds and Wakefield Kirkgate, where passengers can connect to Barnsley, Sheffield and Nottingham
- Buses will replace Northern services between Leeds and Selby
- Buses will connect passengers between Leeds and Skipton

Sunday 31 October (after 11:40)

- Northern trains will run between York, Harrogate and Horsforth. Buses will connect passengers between Horsforth and Leeds
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