

Upgrades taking place at Newcastle Central station in September and October

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Network Rail is urging passengers to plan ahead if travelling to, from or through Newcastle in September and October, as key improvement work gets underway.

The project will see the renewal of 750m of track, as well as five sets of switches and crossings, the specialist pieces of rail which allow trains to move from one piece of track to another. These essential upgrades will improve reliability and reduce disruption, leading to smoother journeys for passengers.

Further improvements in the area will also take place during this time, including renewing overhead lines and level crossings, as well as routine maintenance work. Doing all of the work at the same time reduces future disruption for passengers.

The nature of the work does mean major changes to LNER, Northern, TransPennine Express, CrossCountry and Lumo services – including diversion routes and rail replacement services – so passengers are urged to plan ahead, check before they travel and allow plenty of extra time.

Sam MacDougall, Operations Director for Network Rail's East Coast route, said: "Our teams will be

delivering essential upgrades to track in the Newcastle area which will help to create a much more modern and reliable railway, for now and for the future.

“I can only apologise for any disruption caused, however this vital work will ensure that we can keep services running smoothly and on time for years to come, so we’re asking passengers to plan ahead and check before they travel.”

A spokesperson on behalf of train operators on the route said: “The work taking place at Newcastle is going to cause significant disruption for services, so we urge passengers to check their journey before travelling and follow the advice given.

“We are working hard to keep people moving, with rail replacement services and diversion routes, but this means your journey will take longer and may be busier than usual.”