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London Northwestern Railway: West Coast Main Line passengers urged to plan ahead of September closure

Passengers travelling on the West Coast Line are being urged to plan ahead of a major week-long closure in September.

London Northwestern Railway services between Milton Keynes and Northampton will be replaced by buses between Saturday 2 September and Sunday 10 September while Network Rail connects a major rail freight interchange to the route.

When complete next year, the huge Strategic Rail Freight Interchange facility at SEGRO Logistics Park in Northampton will have five million square feet of warehouse space and employ up to 7,000 people. The new railway connection will allow thousands of tonnes of goods switch between rail and road beside Junction 15 of the M1 motorway every day.

James Dean, West Coast South route director for Network Rail, said:

“We’re delighted to continue working closely with freight partners in delivering this new Strategic Railfreight Interchange at Northampton. This will help deliver better, faster, stronger services to support Britain’s economy and the decarbonisation of transport.

“I’d urge anyone planning to travel between 2-10 September to please check National Rail Enquiries to plan their journeys. I’d also like to thank passengers in advance for their patience.”

Jonny Wiseman, customer experience director for London Northwestern Railway, said:

“There will be significant changes to our timetable for a full week as a result of these important upgrades and I urge passengers to plan their journeys carefully in advance. Rail replacement buses will be running between Milton Keynes and Northampton so passengers travelling during this period should leave extra time.”

The West Coast Main Line is one of the busiest freight routes in Europe carrying 40% of all UK rail freight traffic.

To plan your journey visit www.lnr.uk/plan

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- **London Northwestern Railway** services operate between Liverpool and Birmingham, and on the West Coast Main Line to and from London Euston.
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