



Wirral loop line track renewal

January – June 2017

Passenger Information Booklet

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What is Wirral loop line track renewal?



The rail track that runs around the Wirral loop line and forms part of the connection between Wirral and Liverpool sits on a concrete base. The concrete base is 40 years old and so it is time to replace it.

Why is it happening?

As part of a £340 million investment in the region's railway, Network Rail plan to renew the track in order to maintain long-term efficiency and reliability.

Between January & June 2017, the existing concrete and track between Wirral and Liverpool will be dug out and new concrete and track laid in its place. Once the work is complete, no major renewal work will be needed on the stretch of track for decades to come.



Track Facts

- Engineers will be working day and night 40 metres underground to replace the track and concrete.
- 140 wagon loads of concrete will be used.
- Four miles of cabling for lighting, power and water will be used.
- The tunnel in the loop is very narrow at just under 4.7m in diameter.
- The only access point for work vehicles is from Wirral so all vehicles have a six mile round trip underground to reach the work site.
- Liverpool is one of only four British cities that have an underground rail network.

How will this affect me?

Phase 1

Tuesday 3 January - Sunday 12 February 2017

For six weeks, Wirral line trains will start and terminate at Birkenhead North and Birkenhead Central. Rail replacement buses will run between Birkenhead and Liverpool stations.

Phase 2

Monday 13 February - Monday 29 May 2017

For 15 weeks, Wirral line trains will start and terminate at James Street station from Monday to Friday. At weekends, all services will start and terminate at Birkenhead North and Birkenhead Central. Rail replacement buses will run between Birkenhead and Liverpool stations.

Phase 3

Tuesday 30 May - Sunday 18 June 2017

For 20 days, Wirral line trains will start and terminate at Birkenhead North and Birkenhead Central. Rail replacement buses will run between Birkenhead and Liverpool stations.

Introduction



This guide explains how your journey will be affected during Wirral loop line track renewal.

The biggest changes during the work will be to cross-river journeys. There will also be changes on all Wirral lines:

- Trains will not run around the Wirral loop line.
- If you travel on the New Brighton or West Kirby lines, trains will run every 30 minutes. Six car trains will run when possible to maintain the number of seats available.
- Small timetable alterations will be made on the Chester and Ellesmere Port lines. Ellesmere Port services will start and terminate at Hooton at certain times.

To minimise the impact work has on your journey:

- Express rail replacement buses will run directly between Birkenhead and Liverpool providing a speedy service.
- Cross-river rail tickets will be accepted on Mersey Ferries.
- In Liverpool city centre, valid rail tickets will be accepted on the 10A bus service.
- Cross-river bus services will be strengthened.
- A dedicated social media team will provide up to the minute travel information. At stations, staff will ensure you catch rail replacement services as quickly as possible.
- Passengers with special transport needs will be assisted.

Please consider the advice below and options highlighted throughout this booklet when planning your journey:

- Do not drive at peak times, the Mersey Tunnels and surrounding roads can accommodate additional buses but will not cope with an increase in cars without causing significant congestion.
- Allow more time for your journey.
- Speak to your employer about whether there is flexibility in working times.

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Northern line services will not be affected by Wirral loop line track renewal.

Phase 1

Tuesday 3 January to
Sunday 12 February 2017

Travelling from Wirral

New Brighton & West Kirby

If you travel from New Brighton or West Kirby, all trains will terminate at Birkenhead North.

There will be timetable alterations and a 30 minute service will run on both the New Brighton and West Kirby lines throughout the work. Six car trains will run when possible to maintain the number of seats available. See pages 22 - 23 for timetable information.

Chester & Ellesmere Port

If you travel from Chester or Ellesmere Port, all trains will terminate at Birkenhead Central.

If you travel from Ellesmere Port, Overpool or Little Sutton, you will need to change at Hooton for services to Birkenhead Central between 07:12 and 18:12, Monday to Saturday. Outside these hours, trains will run through to Birkenhead Central.

Small timetable alterations will be made on both the Chester and Ellesmere Port lines throughout the work. See pages 24 - 27 for more information.

Rail Replacement Buses

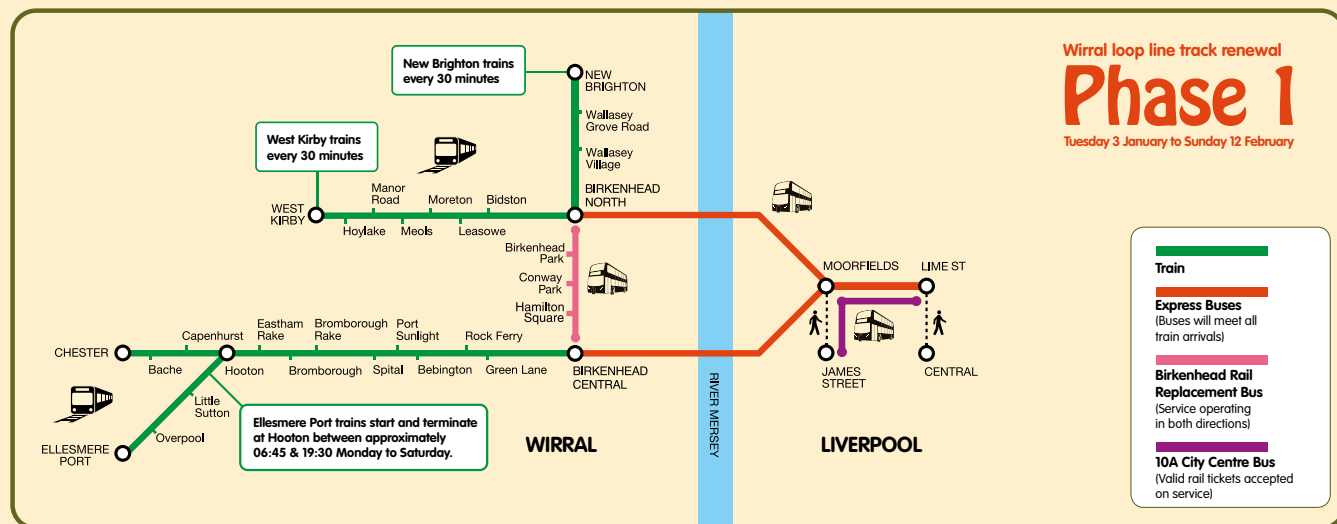
High quality rail replacement buses will run directly between Birkenhead North and Liverpool, and Birkenhead Central and Liverpool. Buses will stop at Moorfields and St George's Hall on Lime Street.

Rail replacement buses will be scheduled to connect with train services at Birkenhead North and Birkenhead Central. Waiting time will be kept to a minimum and at peak times buses will fill up and go to keep you on the move.

If you use Birkenhead Park, Conway Park or Hamilton Square stations, Birkenhead rail replacement buses will run between Birkenhead North and Birkenhead Central as shown in the map below.

Travelling between North & South Wirral

If your journey normally involves changing between Wirral line services at Hamilton Square, Birkenhead rail replacement buses will link the stations as shown in the map below.



Travelling from Liverpool

Rail Replacement Buses

If you travel from Liverpool to Wirral, you will need to catch a rail replacement bus to either Birkenhead North, where trains to New Brighton and West Kirby will start or Birkenhead Central, where trains to Chester and Ellesmere Port will start.

High quality rail replacement buses will pick up at Moorfields and St George's Hall on Lime Street, before travelling non-stop to either Birkenhead North or Birkenhead Central. Buses to Birkenhead North and buses to Birkenhead Central will leave every 15 minutes at a minimum. At peak times buses will fill up and go to keep you on the move.

If you travel to Birkenhead Park, Conway Park or Hamilton Square, Birkenhead rail replacement buses will run between Birkenhead North and Birkenhead Central as shown in the map below.

New Brighton & West Kirby

If you travel towards New Brighton or West Kirby, there will be timetable alterations and a 30 minute service will run on both the New Brighton and West Kirby lines throughout the work. Six car trains will run when possible to maintain the number of seats available. See pages 22 - 23 for timetable information.

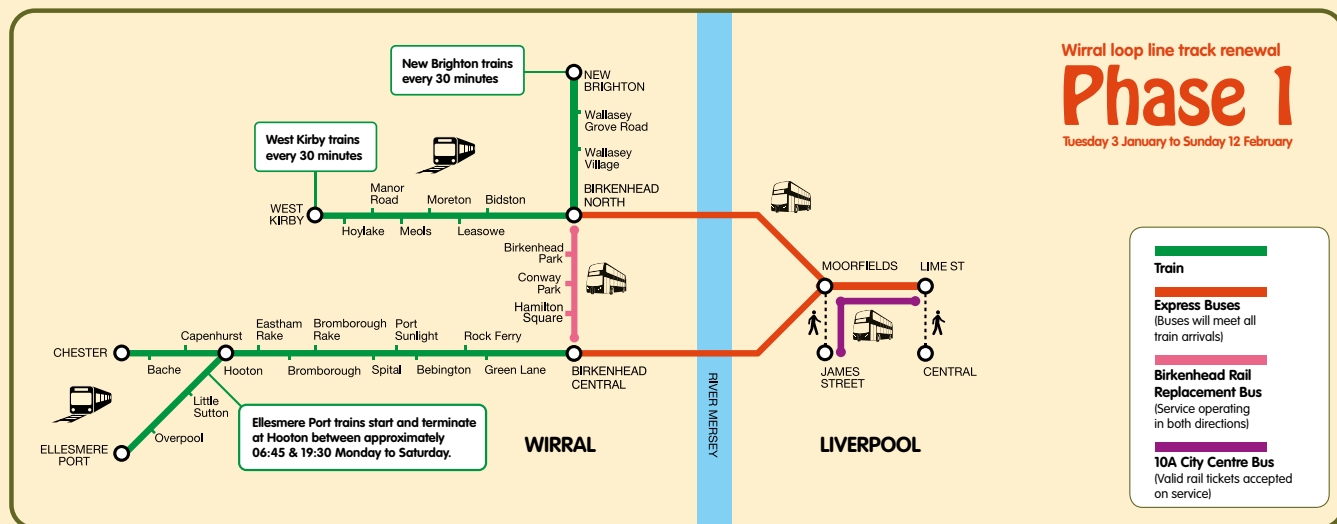
Chester & Ellesmere Port

If you travel to Ellesmere Port, Overpool or Little Sutton, you will need to change at Hooton between 06:56 and 19:26, Monday to Saturday. Outside these hours, trains will run through to Ellesmere Port.

Small timetable alterations will be made on both the Chester and Ellesmere Port lines throughout the work. See pages 24 - 27 for timetable information.

Your Journey

Your journey time will increase by **approximately 20 minutes**, however at peak times when roads are busy journey time could increase further. To help everyone have the quickest journey possible, avoid travelling at peak times if you can and stick to public transport.



Phase 2

Monday 13 February to
Monday 29 May 2017

Travelling from Wirral - Monday to Friday

Wirral line services will terminate at James Street station between Monday and Friday. The Water Street entrance to James Street will be open from 05:37 to 22:00.

New Brighton & West Kirby

There will be timetable alterations and a 30 minute service will run on both the New Brighton and West Kirby lines throughout the work. Six car trains will run when possible to maintain the number of seats available. See pages 22 - 23 for timetable information.

Chester & Ellesmere Port

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Travelling around Liverpool City Centre

When you arrive in Liverpool, if you cannot complete your journey on foot from James Street station, valid rail tickets will be accepted on the 10A bus service, linking James Street, Moorfields and Lime Street stations. Rail tickets will be valid for journeys between Lime Street and Liverpool ONE as shown in the map opposite.

10A Bus Route Map



10A Bus Route - linking Lime Street, Moorfields and James Street stations

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Up to 10 buses run per hour during peak times, pick up a timetable from Merseytravel Travel Centres or visit www.merseyrail.org/trackrenewal

Travelling between North & South Wirral

If your journey normally involves changing between Wirral line services at Hamilton Square, you can continue to do so as trains will run through to James Street station between Monday and Friday.

Travelling from Liverpool - Monday to Friday

All Wirral line trains will start at James Street station between Monday and Friday. Trains will not travel around the loop line, they will start at James Street and go straight to Wirral. A queueing system will be in place to help you move through the station as quickly as possible.

Ticket buying facilities will be limited at the main entrance to James Street station during peak times and special ticketing arrangements will apply. We advise you to purchase your tickets at the Water Street entrance of James Street or any other station.

A revised timetable will be in place from James Street to Wirral and trains will depart at the times opposite.

New Brighton & West Kirby

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James Street to New Brighton & West Kirby

	First Train	Minutes Past Hour		Last Train
James Street to New Brighton	06:19	49	19	23:49
James Street to West Kirby	06:04	34	04	23:34

James Street to Chester* (Linking to Hooton for Ellesmere Port services)

	First Train	Minutes Past Hour		Last Train
From 06:22 a 15 minute service will run:	06:22	37	52 07 22	
From 19:07 a 30 minute service will run	19:07	37	07	23:37

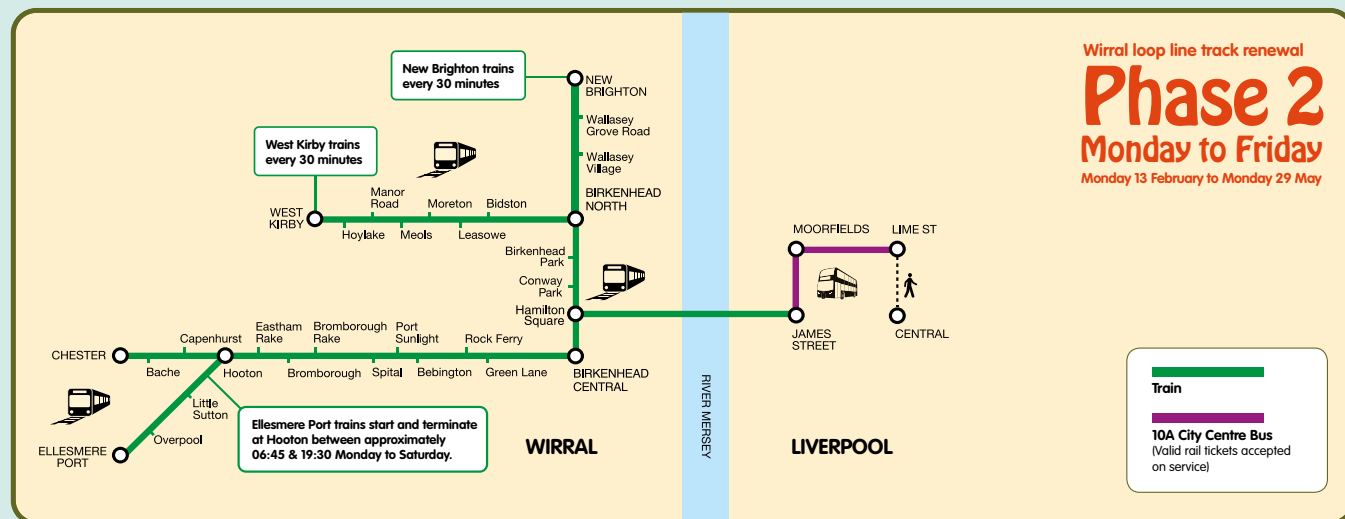
James Street to Ellesmere Port**

	First Train	Minutes Past Hour		Last Train
Trains will run through to Ellesmere Port from 19:22 to end of service	19:22	52	22	23:22

* A service will also run from James Street to Chester at 05:52, Monday to Friday.

** A service will also run from James Street to Ellesmere Port at 06:07, Monday to Friday.

A final service will depart James Street at 23:52 and terminate at Hamilton Square.



Travelling from Wirral - Saturday & Sunday

There will be no cross-river trains at weekends, except for the Grand National Festival, Easter and May bank holidays.

New Brighton & West Kirby

If you travel from New Brighton or West Kirby, all trains will terminate at Birkenhead North.

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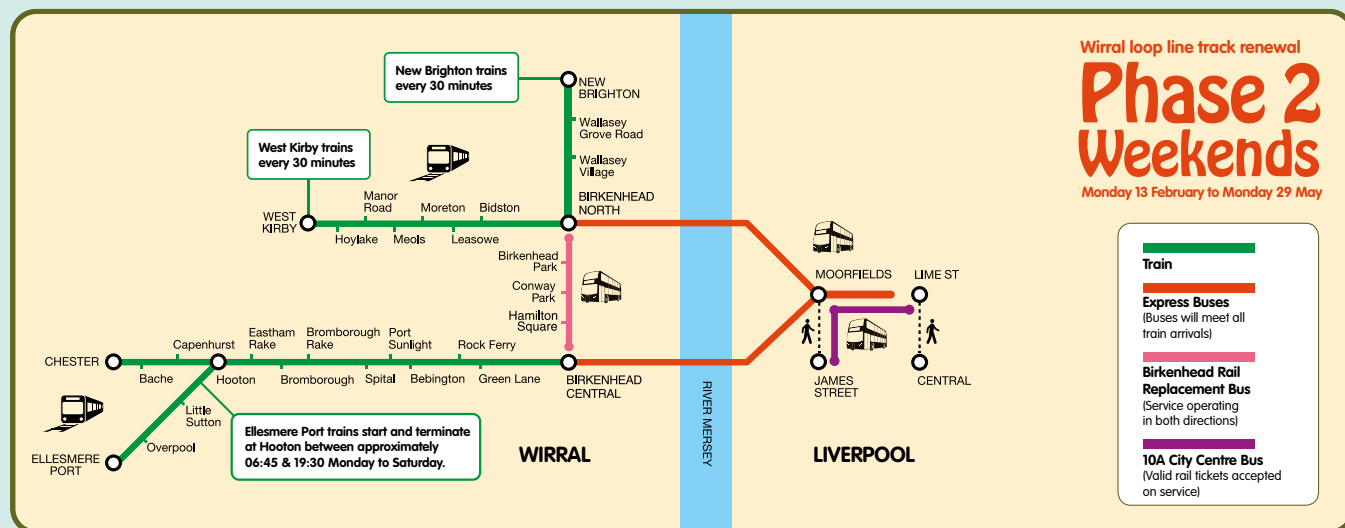
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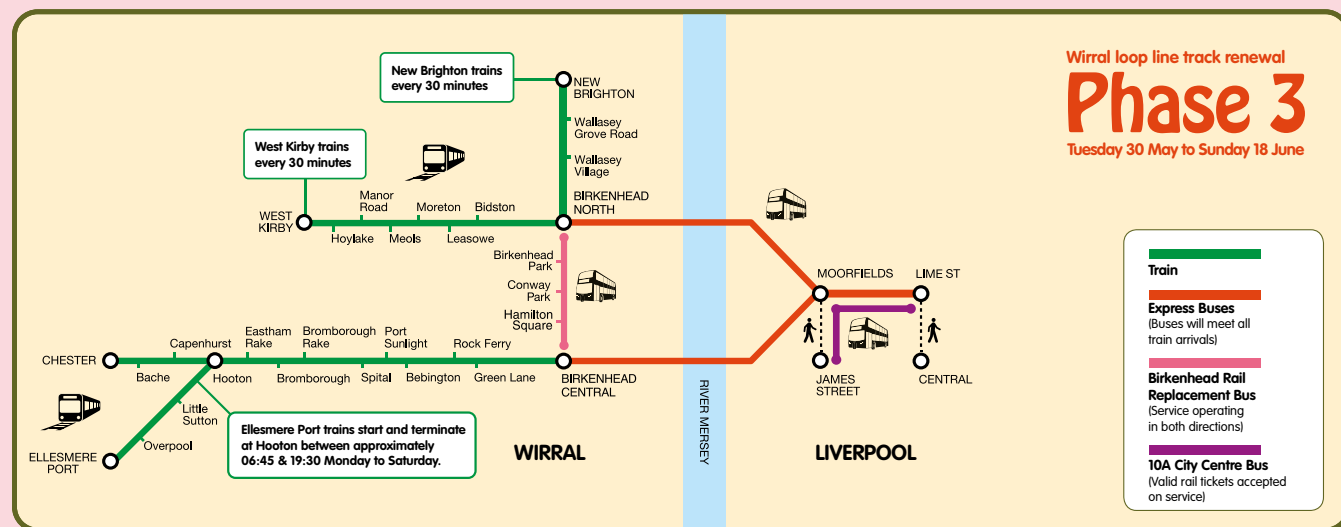
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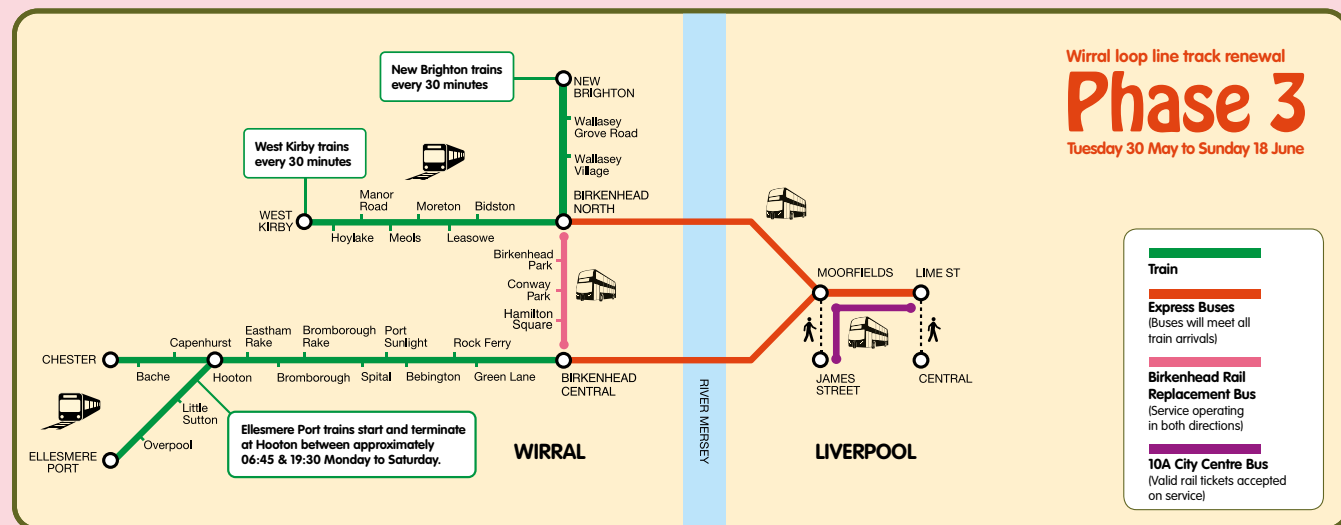
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Travelling on the New Brighton & West Kirby Lines

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New Brighton to Birkenhead North/James Street



	First Train	Minutes Past Hour	Last Train	
ALL PHASES				
New Brighton	05:53	23	53	23:23
Wallasey Grove Road	05:57	27	57	23:27
Wallasey Village	05:58	28	58	23:28
Birkenhead North	06:03	33	03	23:33
PHASE 2 MONDAY TO FRIDAY ONLY				
Birkenhead Park	06:06	36	06	23:36
Conway Park	06:08	38	08	23:38
Hamilton Square	06:11	41	11	23:41
James Street	06:14	44	14	23:44

If you travel on a Sunday, the first train will leave New Brighton at 07:53.

Birkenhead North/James Street to New Brighton

	First Train	Minutes Past Hour	Last Train	
PHASE 2 MONDAY TO FRIDAY ONLY				
James Street	06:19	49	19	23:49
Hamilton Square	06:21	51	21	23:51
Conway Park	06:24	54	24	23:54
Birkenhead Park	06:27	57	27	23:57
ALL PHASES				
Birkenhead North	06:32	02	32	00:02
Wallasey Village	06:36	06	36	00:06
Wallasey Grove Road	06:37	07	37	00:07
New Brighton	06:43	13	43	00:13

If you travel on a Sunday, the first train will leave Birkenhead North at 08:32.

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West Kirby to Birkenhead North/James Street

	First Train	Minutes Past Hour		Last Train
ALL PHASES				
West Kirby	06:01	31	01	23:01
Hoylake	06:03	33	03	23:03
Manor Road	06:05	35	05	23:05
Meols	06:07	37	07	23:07
Moreton	06:11	41	11	23:11
Leasowe	06:13	43	13	23:13
Bidston	06:15	45	15	23:15
Birkenhead North	06:18	48	18	23:18
PHASE 2 MONDAY TO FRIDAY ONLY				
Birkenhead Park	06:21	51	21	23:21
Conway Park	06:23	53	23	23:23
Hamilton Square	06:26	56	26	23:26
James Street	06:29	59	29	23:29

If you travel on a Sunday, the first train will leave West Kirby at 08:01.

Birkenhead North/James Street to West Kirby

	First Train	Minutes Past Hour	Last Train	
PHASE 2 MONDAY TO FRIDAY ONLY				
James Street	06:04	34	04	23:34
Hamilton Square	06:06	36	06	23:36
Conway Park	06:09	39	09	23:39
Birkenhead Park	06:12	42	12	23:42
ALL PHASES				
Birkenhead North	06:17	47	17	23:47
Bidston	06:19	49	19	23:49
Leasowe	06:21	51	21	23:51
Moreton	06:23	53	23	23:53
Meols	06:27	57	27	23:57
Manor Road	06:29	59	29	23:59
Hoylake	06:31	01	31	00:01
West Kirby	06:36	06	36	00:06

If you travel on a Sunday, the first train will leave Birkenhead North at 08:17.

For detailed train times please use the Journey Planner at www.merseyrail.org or pick up a Wirral Line Timetable from any staffed Merseyrail station from mid-December. For live travel information follow @Merseyrail on Twitter.

Travelling on the Chester Line

Chester services towards Birkenhead Central/James Street

If you travel on the Chester line towards Liverpool, there will be small timetable alterations throughout the work as shown in the tables below.

The first train from Rock Ferry will depart at 05:44, with trains also leaving Hooton at 05:44 and 05:59 between Monday and Saturday. The first trains from Chester, Monday to Saturday, will depart:

06:00	06:30	07:00
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Between Monday and Saturday from 07:15, a 15 minute service will run from Chester until 18:30. After 18:30, a 30 minute service will run. Times are shown in the table below.

	Minutes past hour 07:15 to 18:30				From 18:30, a 30 minute service will run until 23:00		
ALL PHASES							
Chester	15	30	45	00	30	00	23:00**
Bache	18	33	48	03	33	03	23:03
Capenhurst*	24	39*	54	09*	39	09	23:09
Hooton	29	44	59	14	44	14	23:14
Eastham Rake	30	45	00	15	45	15	23:15
Bromborough	33	48	03	18	48	18	23:18
Bromborough Rake	35	50	05	20	50	20	23:20
Spital	37	52	07	22	52	22	23:22
Port Sunlight	39	54	09	24	54	24	23:24
Bebington	41	56	11	26	56	26	23:26
Rock Ferry	44	59	14	29	59	29	23:29
Green Lane	46	01	16	31	01	31	23:31
Birkenhead Central	48	03	18	33	03	33	23:33
PHASE 2 MONDAY TO FRIDAY ONLY							
Hamilton Square	52	07	22	37	07	37	23:37
James Street	55	10	28	40	10	40	23:40

*Between 08:30 and 18:15, the 00 and 30 departures from Chester will not stop at Capenhurst. **A final service will depart Chester at 23:30 and terminate at Hooton.

On Sundays, the first trains from Rock Ferry and Hooton will depart at 07:44. The first train will depart from Chester at 08:00 and a 30 minute service will run throughout the day:

Minutes past the hour	
00	30

Birkenhead Central/James Street services towards Chester

If you travel on the Chester line towards Chester, there will be small timetable alterations throughout the work as shown in the tables below.

The first trains will depart:

Phase 1, Phase 3 & Saturdays of Phase 2 (departs Birkenhead Central)	05:58	06:28
Phase 2 - Monday to Friday (departs James Street)	05:52	06:22

A 15 minute service will then run during the day and a 30 minute service during the evening between Monday and Saturday, as shown in the table below.

	Minutes past hour 06:22 to 19:07					From 19:07, a 30 minute service will run until 23:37		
PHASE 2 MONDAY TO FRIDAY ONLY								
James Street	37	52	07	22		37	07	23:37
Hamilton Square	39	54	09	24		39	09	23:39
ALL PHASES								
Birkenhead Central	43	58	13	28		43	13	23:43
Green Lane	44	59	14	29		44	14	23:44
Rock Ferry	47	02	17	32		47	17	23:47
Bebington	49	04	19	34		49	19	23:49
Port Sunlight	51	06	21	36		51	21	23:51
Spital	53	08	23	38		53	23	23:53
Bromborough Rake	55	10	25	40		55	25	23:55
Bromborough	57	12	27	42		57	27	23:57
Eastham Rake	00	15	30	45		00	30	00:00
Hooton	02	17	32	47		02	32	00:02
Capenhurst*	07	22*	37	52*		07	37	00:07
Bache	14	27	44	57		14	44	00:14
Chester	20	35	50	05		20	50	00:20

*Between 08:28 and 18:58, the 28 and 58 departures from Birkenhead Central will not call at Capenhurst, with the exception of the 16:58, 17:28 and the 17:58 which will.

On Sundays, the first train will depart Birkenhead Central at 08:13 and a 30 minute service will run throughout the day:

Minutes past the hour	
13	43

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Travelling on the Ellesmere Port Line

Ellesmere Port services towards Birkenhead Central/James Street

If you travel from Ellesmere Port, Overpool or Little Sutton, you will need to change at Hooton for services towards Birkenhead Central between 07:12 and 18:12, Monday to Saturday.

	First Trains		Minutes past hour 07:12 to 18:12 (change at Hooton)		Minutes past hour until 23:19	
ALL PHASES						
Ellesmere Port	06:19	06:49	12	42	49	19
Overpool	06:22	06:52	15	45	52	22
Little Sutton	06:24	06:54	17	47	54	24
Hooton	06:29	06:59	22	52	59	29
Eastham Rake	06:30	07:00	At Hooton board any service towards Birkenhead Central / James Street. See pages 24 – 25 for timetable information.		00	30
Bromborough	06:33	07:03			03	33
Bromborough Rake	06:35	07:05			05	35
Spital	06:37	07:07			07	37
Port Sunlight	06:39	07:09			09	39
Bebington	06:41	07:11			11	41
Rock Ferry	06:44	07:14			14	44
Green Lane	06:46	07:16			16	46
Birkenhead Central	06:50	07:20			20	50
PHASE 2 MONDAY TO FRIDAY ONLY						
Hamilton Square	06:52	07:22			22	52
James Street	06:55	07:25			25	55

On Sundays the first train will depart Ellesmere Port at 07:49 and a 30 minute service will run throughout the day.

☒ All Phases

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Birkenhead Central/James Street services towards Ellesmere Port

Throughout the work, if you travel to Ellesmere Port, Overpool or Little Sutton, you will need to change at Hooton between 06:56 and 19:26, Monday to Saturday. Outside these hours, trains will run through to Ellesmere Port.

	First Train	Minutes past hour 06:56 to 19:26 (change at Hooton)	Minutes past hour until 23:22	Last Train		
PHASE 2 MONDAY TO FRIDAY ONLY						
James Street	06:07	Board any Chester line service and change at Hooton for services towards Ellesmere Port. See pages 24 – 25 for timetable information.	22	52	23:22	
Hamilton Square	06:09		24	54	23:24	
ALL PHASES						
Birkenhead Central	06:13		28	58	23:28	
Green Lane	06:14		29	59	23:29	
Rock Ferry	06:17		32	02	23:32	
Bebington	06:19		34	04	23:34	
Port Sunlight	06:21		36	06	23:36	
Spital	06:23		38	08	23:38	
Bromborough Rake	06:25		40	10	23:40	
Bromborough	06:27		42	12	23:42	
Eastham Rake	06:30		45	13	23:45	
Hooton	06:32	56	26	47	17	23:47
Little Sutton	06:36	00	30	51	21	23:51
Overpool	06:38	02	32	53	23	23:53
Ellesmere Port	06:43	07	37	58	28	23:58

Throughout all phases, on Sundays the first train will depart Birkenhead Central at 07:58 and a 30 minute service will run throughout the day.

For detailed train times please use the Journey Planner at www.merseyrail.org or pick up a Wirral Line Timetable from any staffed Merseyrail station from mid-December. For live travel information follow @Merseyrail on Twitter.

Early Morning Travel

Travelling from Wirral - Phase 1, Phase 3 & Weekends of Phase 2

Early morning rail replacement buses will run from Wirral to Liverpool.

Chester to Lime Street - Rail Replacement Bus

ALL PHASES	Monday to Saturday		Sunday	
Chester		05:03		07:09
Bache		05:11		07:17
Capenhurst		05:22		07:28
Hooton	05:18	05:33	07:09	07:39
Eastham Rake	05:26	05:41	07:17	07:47
Bromborough	05:30	05:45	07:21	07:51
Bromborough Rake	05:35	05:50	07:26	07:56
Spital	05:40	05:55	07:31	08:01
Port Sunlight	05:43	05:58	07:34	08:04
Bebington	05:46	06:01	07:37	08:07
Rock Ferry	05:51	06:06	07:42	08:12
Green Lane	05:54	06:09	07:45	08:15
Birkenhead Central	05:56	06:11	07:47	08:17
Hamilton Square	06:00	06:15	07:51	08:21
Moorfields	06:12	06:27	08:08	08:38
Lime Street	06:19	06:34	08:15	08:45

Ellesmere Port to Lime Street - Rail Replacement Bus

ALL PHASES	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Ellesmere Port	05:28	05:28	07:04
Overpool	05:38	05:38	07:14
Little Sutton	05:43	05:43	07:19
Hooton	05:48	05:48	07:24
Eastham Rake	05:56	05:56	07:32
Bromborough	06:00	06:00	07:36
Bromborough Rake	06:05	06:05	07:41
Spital	06:10	06:10	07:46
Port Sunlight	06:13	06:13	07:49
Bebington	06:16	06:16	07:52
Rock Ferry	06:21	06:21	07:57
Green Lane	06:24	06:24	08:00
Birkenhead Central	06:26	06:26	08:02
Hamilton Square	06:30	06:30	08:06
Moorfields	06:42	06:42	08:23
Lime Street	06:49	06:49	08:30

Rock Ferry to Lime Street - Rail Replacement Bus

ALL PHASES	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rock Ferry	05:21	05:21	07:27
Green Lane	05:24	05:24	07:30
Birkenhead Central	05:26	05:26	07:32
Hamilton Square	05:30	05:30	07:36
Moorfields	05:42	05:42	07:53
Lime Street	05:49	05:49	08:00

West Kirby to Lime Street - Rail Replacement Bus

ALL PHASES	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
West Kirby	05:16	05:16	07:29
Hoylake	05:21	05:21	07:37
Manor Road	05:24	05:24	07:40
Meols	05:27	05:27	07:43
Moreton	05:34	05:34	07:50
Leasowe	05:38	05:38	07:54
Bidston	05:42	05:42	07:58
Birkenhead North	05:48	05:48	08:02
Birkenhead Park	05:51	05:51	08:05
Conway Park	05:54	05:54	08:08
Hamilton Square	05:57	05:57	08:11
Moorfields	06:17	06:17	08:28
Lime Street	06:22	06:22	08:35

New Brighton to Lime Street - Rail Replacement Bus

ALL PHASES	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
New Brighton	05:13	05:13	07:27
Wallasey Grove Road	05:21	05:21	07:35
Wallasey Village	05:25	05:25	07:39
Birkenhead North	05:33	05:33	07:47
Birkenhead Park	05:36	05:36	07:50
Conway Park	05:39	05:39	07:53
Hamilton Square	05:42	05:42	07:56
Moorfields	06:02	06:02	08:13
Lime Street	06:07	06:07	08:20

Travelling from Wirral - Phase 2 Monday to Friday

When Wirral line trains terminate at James Street station, you can continue your journey on foot or catch the 10A bus service, see page 33 for more information.

Travelling from Liverpool - Phase 1, Phase 3 & Weekends of Phase 2

The first rail replacement buses will leave Moorfields and St George's Hall on Lime Street at the following times:

Liverpool to Birkenhead North - Rail Replacement Bus

ALL PHASES	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Moorfields	05:45	05:45	07:45
St George's Hall - Lime Street	05:50	05:50	07:50

Liverpool to Birkenhead Central - Rail Replacement Bus

ALL PHASES	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Moorfields	05:36	05:36	07:37
St George's Hall - Lime Street	05:41	05:41	07:44

Late Night Travel

Travelling from Wirral - Phase 1, Phase 3 & Weekends of Phase 2

The last rail replacement buses will leave Wirral at:

	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
ALL PHASES			
Birkenhead North	23:40	23:40	23:40
Birkenhead Central	23:56	23:56	23:56

If you travel from Wirral and change onto a Northern line train, the last rail replacement buses that leave Birkenhead North & Birkenhead Central will not get you to Liverpool in time to meet the last Northern line services.

The table below shows the last bus services that will meet Northern line trains at Moorfields station:

From	To	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
ALL PHASES				
Birkenhead North	Ormskirk	22:53	22:53	22:53
Birkenhead Central	Ormskirk	23:09	23:09	23:11
Birkenhead North	Southport	22:53	22:53	22:53
Birkenhead Central	Southport	23:09	23:09	23:11
Birkenhead North	Kirkby	22:53	22:53	22:53
Birkenhead Central	Kirkby	23:09	23:09	23:11
Birkenhead North	Hunts Cross	22:53	22:53	22:53
Birkenhead Central	Hunts Cross	23:09	23:09	23:11

Travelling from Liverpool - Phase 1, Phase 3 & Weekends of Phase 2

The last rail replacement buses that leave Liverpool will not connect with the last trains to leave Birkenhead North or Birkenhead Central. If you travel on the last rail replacement bus at night to Wirral, the bus will take you to your final station destination. The last buses to Wirral and the last buses to Wirral that connect with trains at Birkenhead North and Birkenhead Central are shown in the tables opposite.

The table below shows the last rail replacement buses that will leave Liverpool and connect with the last trains to run on the Wirral lines:

From	Bus to	Train to	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
ALL PHASES					
Moorfields	Birkenhead North	New Brighton	23:31	23:31	23:31
St George's Hall - Lime Street	Birkenhead North	New Brighton	23:38	23:38	23:38
Moorfields	Birkenhead North	West Kirby	23:15	23:15	23:15
St George's Hall - Lime Street	Birkenhead North	West Kirby	23:22	23:22	23:22
Moorfields	Birkenhead Central	Chester	23:21	23:21	23:23
St George's Hall - Lime Street	Birkenhead Central	Chester	23:26	23:26	23:28
Moorfields	Birkenhead Central	Ellesmere Port	23:06	23:06	23:08
St George's Hall - Lime Street	Birkenhead Central	Ellesmere Port	23:11	23:11	23:13

The table below shows the last rail replacement buses that will leave Liverpool for Wirral.

From	To	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
ALL PHASES				
Moorfields	New Brighton	23:46	23:46	23:46
St George's Hall - Lime Street	New Brighton	23:53	23:53	23:53
Moorfields	West Kirby	23:31	23:31	23:31
St George's Hall - Lime Street	West Kirby	23:38	23:38	23:38
Moorfields	Chester	23:41	23:41	23:41
St George's Hall - Lime Street	Chester	23:48	23:48	23:48
Moorfields	Ellesmere Port	23:26	23:26	23:26
St George's Hall - Lime Street	Ellesmere Port	23:33	23:33	23:33

We advise travelling earlier when possible to ensure you meet connecting services.

Easter, Bank Holidays & Special Events

During special events, weekend work will be partially suspended and services will run between Wirral and James Street station. Events will include:

The Grand National Festival – Saturday 8 April

Easter Weekend – Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 April

May Bank Holiday – Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 April

May Bank Holiday – Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 May

Soccerbus

During the football season, Soccerbus will continue to run between Sandhills station and Anfield and Goodison Park on match days.

During Phase 1, Phase 3 and the weekends of Phase 2, if you travel to the match you can take the rail replacement bus to Moorfields station, catch any Northern line train to Sandhills and then board a Soccerbus. When returning, you can take a Soccerbus to Sandhills, catch any Northern line train to Moorfields and return to Wirral on a rail replacement bus from Moorfields.

During Phase 2, between Monday to Friday, all Wirral line trains will run to James Street station. From James Street, you can make the short walk to Moorfields and catch any Northern line train to Sandhills to access Soccerbus. On the return journey, take a Soccerbus to Sandhills, catch any Northern line train to Moorfields and make the short walk to James Street to return to Wirral. Instead of walking between James Street and Moorfields, you can catch the 10A bus as shown opposite.

Engineering Works

To reduce the impact of planned engineering work on the Wirral line in the future, a number of small additional projects may have to be carried out at the same time as Wirral loop line track renewal. If additional work does go ahead, it will take place at weekends.

To find out if additional engineering work will take place, visit www.merseyrail.org/trackrenewal or speak to a member of staff at any staffed Merseyrail station.

Ticket Information

Throughout Wirral loop line track renewal, valid cross-river rail tickets will be accepted on all Mersey Ferries.

Valid rail tickets will also be accepted on the 10A bus service for travel between Liverpool ONE and Lime Street, linking James Street, Moorfields and Lime Street stations.

10A Bus Route Map



10A Bus Route - linking Lime Street, Moorfields and James Street stations

10A Bus Route - linking James Street, Moorfields and Lime Street stations

Up to 10 buses run per hour during peak times, pick up a timetable from Merseytravel Travel Centres or visit www.merseyrail.org/trackrenewal

During Phase 2, ticket buying facilities will be limited at the main entrance to James Street station and special ticketing arrangements will apply. We advise you to purchase tickets at the Water Street entrance of James Street or any other station.

A robust rail replacement solution that will keep you moving during Wirral loop line track renewal will be in place between January and June 2017. Rail fares will not be reduced as a result of the work.

Assisted Travel

Throughout Wirral loop line track renewal, we will not be able to take passengers in wheelchairs or mobility scooters cross-river by train. Passengers will be transported on rail replacement buses or other suitable vehicles.

If you require assistance, please contact Merseyrail's Customer Relations Team to ensure there are staff at either end of your journey to help. Ideally, we would like 24 hours' notice, however we understand this may not always be possible and will work to ensure you can complete your journey with us.

To make arrangements, call 0800 0277 347 (freephone) or 0151 555 1111, Monday to Friday from 07:00 until 19:00. If you would like to travel outside these hours or at weekends please call 0151 702 2704.

When trains run between Wirral and James Street station during Phase 2, Monday to Friday, passengers will be required to use a staircase as the platform that trains will run into does not have lifts. If this causes a problem for you, please contact Merseyrail's Customer Relations Team to arrange assisted travel.

Bikes

Unless you need your bike to travel to a rail station, we advise you leave it at home during Phase 1, Phase 3 and the weekends of Phase 2, as rail replacement buses will not carry bikes.

During Phase 2, Monday to Friday, you will be able to travel by train with your bike between Wirral and James Street station.

Bikes can be stored at our secure cycle shelters, which are located at many of our stations. To use these facilities register in advance by visiting www.merseyrail.org/cycle where a full list of stations with secure cycle facilities can be found. An access fob will be sent to you.

You may want to consider using the Mersey Ferries which carry bikes cross-river. Throughout work, valid cross-river rail tickets will be accepted on all Mersey Ferries. If ferries are suspended for any reason, alternative travel arrangements will be provided.

For more information regarding Mersey Ferries, see page 36 or visit www.merseytravel.gov.uk



Subscribe to Bike & Go and complete your journey by bike during Wirral loop line track renewal.

Bikes cost £3.80 per day to hire, plus an annual subscription fee of £10.

Visit www.bikeandgo.co.uk to find out more.



Other Transport Options

Rail replacement buses will offer a high quality, reliable service during the work. However you may choose to travel in different ways that are temporarily more convenient.

To keep the City Region moving, especially the Mersey Tunnels which can accommodate additional buses but not a significant increase in cars, you may wish to consider these options:

Ferries

Mersey Ferries offer a cross-river alternative during Wirral loop line track renewal, with free parking for 370 cars at Seacombe Ferry Terminal and buses serving the area. Ferries also provide an alternative travel option for cyclists.

During the week, there will be a commuter service from 07:20 – 10:00 and 17:00 – 19:00, with ferries every 20 minutes between Seacombe and the Pier Head. At weekends and during the week between 11:00 – 16:00, cross-river journeys can be made via the River Explorer Cruise.

During peak commuter times, if ferries are suspended for any reason, alternative travel arrangements will be provided.

Throughout the work, valid cross-river rail tickets will be accepted on all Mersey Ferries.

During Phase 1, traffic between Birkenhead and Seacombe may be slower due to preparatory work on the major bridge replacement schemes on the A554 Tower Road, Birkenhead. There will also be disruption to traffic during Phase 3 as there will be restricted access across Tower Road, with traffic diverted via Duke Street Bridge. Please allow extra time for your journey.

Visit www.merseytravel.gov.uk for more information.

Cross-River Buses

Public transport will remain the best mode of transport throughout Wirral loop line track renewal. Additional cars on the road will increase congestion and journey times.

As well as our robust rail replacement bus offer, cross-river bus services provide a transport alternative throughout each phase of the work.

Services will be strengthened for the duration of the work to accommodate more passengers.

Rail tickets will only be accepted on rail replacement buses and not cross-river bus services.

The table below shows the bus services that link Wirral and Liverpool:

East Wirral/Chester	West Wirral
1 (Chester – Liverpool)	407 (Town Meadow – Liverpool)
2 (Chester – Liverpool)	420 (West Kirby – Liverpool)
X8 (Chester – Liverpool)	471 (Heswall – Liverpool)
423 (Birkenhead – Liverpool)	472 (Heswall or Barnston – Liverpool)
432 (New Brighton – Liverpool)	437 (West Kirby – Liverpool)
433 (New Brighton – Liverpool)	487 (Little Neston – Liverpool)
464 (New Ferry – Liverpool)	

Visit www.merseytravel.gov.uk for more information.

Cars & the Mersey Tunnels

We do not recommend driving through the Mersey Tunnels during Wirral loop line track renewal, particularly at peak times. Whilst the tunnels can accommodate additional buses, they will not cope with an increase in cars without causing significant congestion. If you have no choice but to take the car, avoid travelling at peak times whenever possible and leave more time for your journey. Consider car sharing to play your part in keeping the City Region moving.

Car parks are available at a number of Merseyrail stations, including a total of 670 spaces at Birkenhead North car park following a recent expansion. Car parks may be busier and fill up earlier.

During Phase 1, traffic between Birkenhead and Seacombe may be slower due to preparatory work on the major bridge replacement schemes on the A554 Tower Road, Birkenhead. There will also be disruption to traffic during Phase 3 as there will be restricted access across Tower Road, with traffic diverted via Duke Street Bridge. Please allow extra time for your journey.

We recognise that during Wirral loop line track renewal your journey will not be as quick or easy as you are used to. The work is being done in a way that will minimise disruption for you in the longer term. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Further Travel Advice

Allow extra time, plan your journey and check train times if you are travelling early in the morning or late at night.



Leave your car at home and use public transport, particularly at peak times, to keep cross-river routes running as smoothly as possible.



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Speak to a member of Merseyrail staff or use the station help point.



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