

March 2023

Dear Railway Neighbour,

SOUTH WALES METRO—WE'LL BE WORKING IN YOUR AREA

Transport for Wales is delivering Metro, the biggest upgrade to public transport in South-East Wales for a generation. In the next few years, we have a significant amount of construction, engineering, and infrastructure work to do to upgrade our rail network so that it's ready for Metro. Initially, this will involve work to the Aberdare, Coryton, Merthyr Tydfil, Rhymney, Treherbert, City, and Cardiff Bay railway lines, known as the Core Valley Lines. This phase of work will be ongoing and intermittent over the next year and into 2024.

What We'll Be Doing and When

The Treherbert Railway line that has some of the oldest railway infrastructure in the world, is having a complete transformation as part of the South Wales Metro.

The Treherbert line will need to be closed from **29 April 2023** to early **February 2024** to allow us to complete significant transformation work across the line. During this time, the railway between Pontypridd and Treherbert will close to train services.

The work will be continuous, with our colleagues working round the clock to transform and upgrade the railway line.

During the work, there'll be an enhanced rail replacement bus service for passengers, more information on this will be released in the coming weeks.

We know this important work will impact our customers and colleagues who use these services to get to work. We're working hard to finalise the details of what support and alternatives will be available while work is taking place.

Our proposed service provision

The proposed bus timetable consists of:

- A "core" timetable pattern of one bus every 30 minutes, stopping at all stations.
- A dedicated school support plan for Treorchy Comprehensive school.
- A semi-express AM and PM peak enhancement to reduce journey times and add capacity.

We'll be in a position to review our bus provision and planning based on seasonal demand, so the proposed core timetable is not 'fixed'.

During the Treherbert Line transformation, Transport for Wales (TfW) will be offering **50% off the cost of travel for people living in the Rhondda**. The offer will apply for journeys wholly on the line and journeys between stations on the line and locations through to Cardiff Central.

For more information on the railcards for affected customers, please visit tfw.wales/treherbert

Cwmp cymunedol i mewn

Rydym wedi trefnu rhai digwyddiadau galw heibio i'r gymuned leol. Dyma gyfle i'r rhai sy'n mynychu ofyn cwestiynau i'n rheolwyr prosiect, dysgu mwy am ein gwaith ar lein Treherbert, a thrafod cyfleoedd ymgysylltu yn y gymuned leol.

Dyddiad: Dydd Mawrth 11 Ebrill 2023

Lleoliad: Clwb Bechgyn a Merched Treorci 17:00 – 20:00

Dyddiad: Dydd Mawrth 18 Ebrill 2023


Lleoliad: Ysgol Gynradd Trealaw 15:00 – 18:00

Dyddiad: Dydd Iau 27 Ebrill

Lleoliad: Ysgol Gymunedol Porth 16:00 – 19:00

Nid oes angen apwyntiad, galwch heibio ar unrhyw adeg yn ystod yr oriau penodedig.

Gweithio'n Gyfrifol



Bydd y gwaith sy'n rhaid i ni ei wneud i ddarparu'r Metro dros y blynyddoedd nesaf yn golygu na fydd hi'n bosibl ysgrifennu atoch chi pob tro fyddwn ni yn eich ardal chi ond, ynghyd â'n partneriaid, byddwn yn ceisio gweithio'n gyfrifol, sicrhau bod ein safleoedd yn cael eu rheoli'n dda a bod ein pobl yn ystyriol o'n cymdogion. Gall ein gwaith fod yn swnllyd felly byddwn yn gwneud ein gorau glas i ddod o hyd i ffyrdd o geisio sicrhau y bydd y gwaith yn achosi'r cyn lleied o o anghyfleustra i chi ag sy'n bosibl.

I ddod o hyd i'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf ynghylch y gwaith sy'n cael ei wneud yn eich ardal chi, ewch i workinyourarea.trc.cymru/cy.

Rhagor o Wybodaeth

Mae ein tîm ar gael i ateb eich cwestiynau 24/7, felly ffoniwch 033 33 211 202. Fel arall, defnyddiwch WhatsApp i gysylltu: 07790 952507 (0700-2000 o ddydd Llun i dydd Gwener, 0800-20000 dydd Sadwrn, a 1100-2000 dydd Sul).

Ewch i trc.cymru/cy/cysylltu-ni os hoffech gael rhagor o wybodaeth, neu os hoffech chi gael yr wybodaeth hon mewn fformat arall. I gael rhagor o wybodaeth am ein gweledigaeth ar gyfer Metro De Cymru, ewch i trc.cymru/cy/metro-de-cymru, ac am ein gwaith i adeiladu'r Metro yn trc.cymru/prosiectau/metro/adeiladu-ein-metro.

I wybod mwy am y gwaith rydym yn ei wneud yn eich cymuned, ewch i'n tudalen Facebook: facebook.com/TfWCommunities.

Yn gywir,

Tim Ymgysylltu â'r Gymuned Trafnidiaeth Cymru

Community Drop In

We've organised some drop-in events for the local community. This is an opportunity for attendees to ask questions to our project managers, learn more about our work on the Treherbert line, and discuss engagement opportunities in the local community.

Date: Tuesday 11 April 2023

Location: Treorchy Boys and Girls Club 17:00 – 20:00

Date: Tuesday 18 April 2023

Location: Trealaw Primary School 15:00 – 18:00

Date: Thursday 27 April

Location: Porth Community School 16:00 – 19:00

No appointment is required, please drop in at any time during the specified hours.

Working Responsibly

The amount of work we have to do to deliver Metro means it won't be possible to write to you every time we're in your area. However, alongside our partners, we'll aim to work responsibly, ensuring our sites are well managed and that our people are considerate to our neighbours. Our work can be noisy, but we'll try to keep disruption to a minimum.

To find the most up-to-date information about the work in your area, please visit workinyourarea.trc.cymru/en.

More Information

Our team is available to answer your questions 24/7, so please call us on 033 33 211 202. Alternatively, you may contact us via WhatsApp on 07790 952507 (0700-2000 on Monday to Friday, 0800-2000 on Saturday, and 1100-2000 on Sunday).

If you seek more information or would like the information presented in a different format, please visit tfw.wales/contact-us. You can learn more about our vision for the South Wales Metro by visiting tfw.wales/projects/metro, and about our work to build the Metro at tfw.wales/projects/metro/building-our-metro.

To learn more about the work we're doing in your community, please visit our Facebook page: facebook.com/TfWCommunities.

Yours faithfully,

The Community Engagement Team at Transport for Wales

What this means for our customers

We'll provide the same service level as trains and so we will replace each planned train with a bus connecting into and out of train services from Pontypridd.

In the AM and PM peak, we'll explore additional coaches running semi express journeys to provide faster journey options and extra capacity. We're exploring all options to cope with capacity including late night services and extra coaches.

Travel updates and more information about the South Wales Metro is now available on our website (tfw.wales) including a blog article answering some frequently asked questions about the Metro transformation work.

The transformation of the Core Valley Lines for the Metro has been part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund through Welsh Government, and will enable faster, more frequent services between Cardiff and the heads of the valleys. The investment in the Metro will significantly improve connectivity providing access to jobs, leisure and other opportunities for the people of Wales, through unifying rail, bus and active travel routes.

What we'll be doing

The line closure will see a variety of key infrastructure works take place, including some of the following:

- Upgrading some of the oldest signalling equipment we have across the CVL
- Installing and pre-testing of new modular signalling systems
- Diversion of large gas and water mains
- Electrification of existing and new tracks
- Further Overhead Line Equipment (OLE) being installed such as main part steel, foundations and wiring
- Double track extensions
- Line speed improvements
- New station platforms and connecting footbridges at multiple stations, in line with TfW's Access for All programme, to provide an obstacle free, accessible route to and between platforms.

We'll be continuing our work to install overhead line equipment along the Treherbert line by conducting piling works to create the foundations for the OLE masts that carry the overhead wires. Piling can be a noisy job as it involves heavy machinery, with noise levels depending on the distance from the piling location and local topography. We'll make every effort to minimise unnecessary noise and complete each pile as quickly as possible.

Depending on ground conditions, an average pile may take between twenty to sixty minutes per foundation installation. Some piling is often completed in one job, allowing our engineers to move on to the next location, so the noise should never last too long, but some piling requires consecutive visits to complete the job.

You can read more about our piling work at tfw.wales/piling.

This work can be disruptive due to the heavy machinery used, including road rail vehicles, work trains and tampers. However, conducting this work within a blockade (line closure) allows us to deliver the work in a shorter timeframe, meaning less long-term disruption for our lineside neighbours.

