



December 2022 timetable – delivering the outputs of the Manchester Recovery Task Force

Background

Earlier this year the Department for Transport, Transport for the North (TfN) and Network Rail sought views of rail users, the public and stakeholders on rail timetabling work that had been undertaken during 2020 by the Manchester Recovery Task Force (MRTF).

The MRTF was set up in January 2020 to develop and deliver solutions that improve the reliability of rail services for passengers. The MRTF was attended by a range of organisations, including the Department for Transport, TfN, train operators and Transport for Greater Manchester amongst others. The objective for the MRTF was to recast the rail timetable to address some of the structural issues around the pre-Covid timetable and provide reliable performance to passengers while different infrastructure solutions, with longer lead times, were planned, and delivered.

The public consultation, which ran from 14 January to 10 March 2021, has been used to help inform further work on the options. This led to a revised recommended timetable structure being developed. You can find out more about this timetable structure and why it was recommended in the [consultation feedback document](#) on the Department for Transport's website.

Following that consultation, consideration of the comments received and the recommendation of the MRTF - and endorsed by the TfN Rail North Committee - Northern and TransPennine Express have produced indicative timetables which have now been published. These timetables are based on the MRTF's recommended approach and are due to be introduced during December 2022.

Please note that these timetables will be subject to a bid and offer process with Network Rail and further operational refinement. The timings should therefore not be taken as definitive. Also, ongoing railway enhancement work including the Trans Pennine Upgrade will give rise to timetable amendments, during the course of the December 2022 timetable and in following years.

The timetables in detail

You can view the timetables on our website
www.northernrailway.co.uk/Manchester22 or use the links below.

EWD – Monday to Saturday **SuO** – Sunday only

Manchester – Stalybridge/Huddersfield- Leeds

[Leeds – Huddersfield – Manchester EWD](#)

[Leeds – Huddersfield – Manchester SuO](#)

[Manchester – Huddersfield – Leeds EWD](#)

[Manchester – Huddersfield – Leeds SuO](#)

Manchester – Bradford Interchange – Leeds

[Leeds – Hebden Bridge – Manchester EWD](#)

[Leeds – Hebden Bridge – Manchester SuO](#)

[Manchester – Hebden Bridge – Leeds EWD](#)

[Manchester – Hebden Bridge – Leeds SuO](#)

Manchester - Blackpool/Preston

[Manchester – Bolton – Preston EWD](#)

[Manchester – Bolton – Preston SuO](#)

[Preston – Bolton – Manchester EWD](#)

[Preston – Bolton – Manchester SuO](#)

Liverpool – Preston/Blackpool

[Liverpool – Wigan – Blackpool EWD](#)

[Liverpool – Wigan – Blackpool SuO](#)

[Blackpool – Wigan – Liverpool EWD](#)

[Blackpool – Wigan – Liverpool SuO](#)

Manchester – Newton-le-Willows – Liverpool

[Ellesmere Port EWD](#)

[Liverpool and Chester – Manchester EWD](#)

[Liverpool and Chester – Manchester SuO](#)

[Manchester – Chester and Liverpool EWD](#)

[Manchester – Chester and Liverpool SuO](#)

Manchester- Warrington – Liverpool

[Liverpool – Warrington – Manchester EWD](#)

[Liverpool – Warrington – Manchester SuO](#)

[Manchester – Warrington – Liverpool EWD](#)

[Manchester – Warrington – Liverpool SuO](#)

Manchester – Sheffield

[Manchester – Sheffield EWD](#)

[Manchester – Sheffield SuO](#)

[Sheffield – Manchester EWD](#)

[Sheffield – Manchester SuO](#)

Manchester - Clitheroe

[Clitheroe – Manchester EWD](#)
[Clitheroe – Manchester SuO](#)
[Manchester – Clitheroe EWD](#)
[Manchester – Clitheroe SuO](#)

Manchester – Wigan – Southport

[Manchester – Wigan – Kirkby and Southport EWD](#)
[Manchester – Wigan – Southport SuO](#)
[Southport – Wigan – Manchester SuO](#)
[Southport and Kirkby – Wigan – Manchester EWD](#)

Manchester – Altrincham – Chester

[Chester-Altrincham – Manchester EWD](#)
[Chester-Altrincham – Manchester SuO](#)
[Manchester – Altrincham – Chester EWD](#)
[Manchester – Altrincham – Chester SuO](#)

Manchester – Crewe

[Crewe – Manchester EWD](#)
[Crewe – Manchester SuO](#)
[Manchester – Crewe EWD](#)
[Manchester – Crewe SuO](#)

Manchester – Stoke-on-Trent

[Manchester – Stoke EWD](#)
[Manchester – Stoke SuO](#)
[Stoke – Manchester EWD](#)
[Stoke – Manchester SuO](#)

Manchester – Buxton

[Buxton – Manchester EWD](#)
[Buxton – Manchester SuO](#)
[Manchester – Buxton EWD](#)
[Manchester – Buxton SuO](#)

Manchester – New Mills/Rose Hill

[Manchester – Rose Hill and New Mills EWD](#)
[New Mills and Rose Hill – Manchester EWD](#)
[Stockport – Stalybridge SuO](#)

Manchester – Hadfield/Glossop

[Hadfield – Manchester EWD](#) -
[Hadfield – Manchester SuO](#) -
[Manchester – Hadfield EWD](#) -
[Manchester – Hadfield SuO](#) -

Deansgate – Manchester Airport (the Castlefield corridor)

[Deansgate – Manchester Airport EWD](#)
[Manchester Airport – Deansgate EWD](#)

Morecambe – Lancaster

[Lancaster – Morecambe EWD](#)
[Lancaster – Morecambe SuO](#)

[Morecambe – Lancaster EWD](#)

[Morecambe – Lancaster SuO](#)

Cumbrian Coast and Lancaster/Windermere – Manchester Airport

[Carlisle Barrow and Windermere – Lancaster and Manchester EWD](#) -

[Carlisle Barrow and Windermere – Lancaster and Manchester SuO](#) -

[Manchester and Lancaster – Windermere Barrow and Carlisle EWD](#) -

[Manchester and Lancaster – Windermere Barrow and Carlisle SuO](#) -

Blackpool – Colne/Leeds

[Blackpool – Colne and Leeds SuO](#)

[Blackpool to Colne and Leeds EWD](#)

[Leeds and Colne – Blackpool EWD](#)

[Leeds and Colne – Blackpool SuO](#)

Preston – Ormskirk

[Ormskirk – Preston EWD](#)

[Preston – Ormskirk EWD](#)

Where more than one train operator delivers services on a route, timetables will include East Midlands Railway, Transport for Wales, TransPennine Express and Northern services. There are other train operators whose services are not directly affected by the MRTF work and therefore have not been included in these timetables. For further information visit their websites.

How to share your feedback

You can provide your feedback on the indicative Northern and TransPennine Express timetables until 1700 on 31 December 2021. We encourage early feedback using one of the methods below, in particular email and online.

- **Northern:**
Online: fill out our [feedback form](#)
E-mail: consultations@northernrailway.co.uk
Post: FAO December 2022 timetable, FREEPOST Northern Railway
- **TransPennine Express:**
E-mail: lucja.majewski@tpexpress.co.uk
Post: Lucja Majewski-Kent, Regional Development Manager, TransPennine Express, 7th Floor, Bridgewater House, 60 Whitworth Street, Manchester, M1 6LT

If you would like to make your feedback jointly to both operators, we would welcome receiving that.

To support the effective delivery of the final timetable, your feedback may be shared with other operators (Northern, TransPennine, East Midlands Railway and Transport for Wales), so please let us know if you'd like it to be kept private. For further information about how we handle your data please visit our data privacy pages:

[TransPennine Express](#)

[Northern](#)

Next steps

The feedback we receive will help inform the final stage of the MRTF timetable process, following the extensive consultation completed earlier this year. That timetable will be formally bid to Network Rail in early 2022 and, following this process, it'll be introduced in December 2022.