

NORTH WEST ELECTRIFICATION

IMPROVING SERVICES AT CHORLEY STATION

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**JUNE TO
OCTOBER 2016**



WHAT'S HAPPENING AND WHEN?

We are electrifying the route between Manchester and Preston via Bolton, paving the way for faster, more spacious trains from December 2017.

The tracks through Chorley station need to be lowered so that new overhead line equipment can fit under nearby bridges.

The overhead line equipment is needed to power electric train services. In order to lower the track, we need to install a 450 metre retaining wall south of the station, to support the embankment next to the railway.

The tracks also need to be realigned to allow trains to run more quickly. To achieve this we need to reconstruct both platforms and replace the roof on the two subways within and adjacent to the station. Platform 1 will also be extended allowing longer, more spacious trains to call at Chorley in the future.

Benefits of electrification:

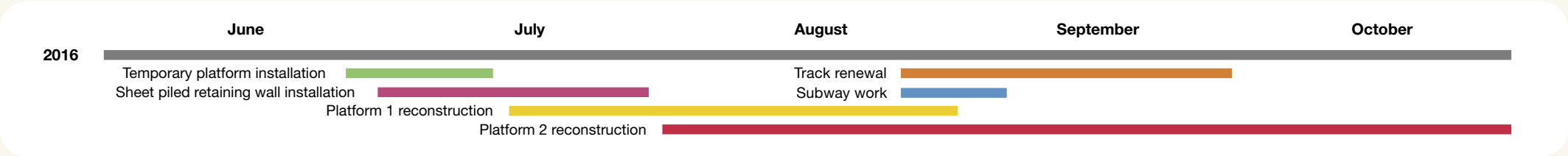
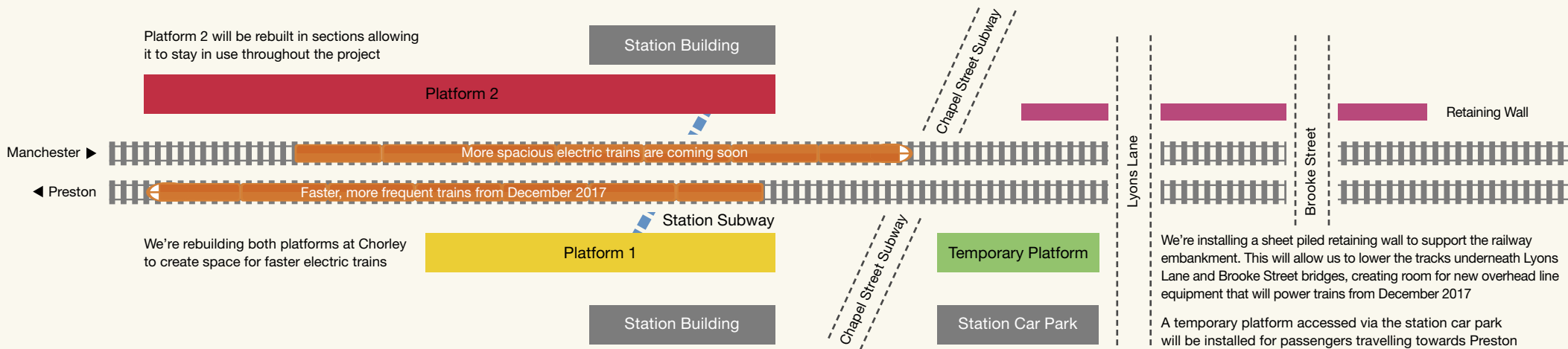
- Faster trains and improved reliability
- More seats than diesel trains
- Lighter trains equal less damage to the track

Better for the environment:

- 20-35% less carbon than diesel trains
- Zero emissions at the point of use which helps to improve air quality
- Quieter trains when travelling and whilst waiting at stations

Reduces costs:

- Electric trains are cheaper to operate and have lower energy costs
- Electric trains require less maintenance



WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS OF THIS WORK?

Changes to train services

Most of the work will take place every weekend between **18 June and 2 October 2016**.

Work will also take place mid-week during the night with some late evening trains affected. Weekend bus replacement services will be in operation and we will publish details of these online and at stations from 21 May.

Find out more at networkrail.co.uk/chorley

Changes at the station

A temporary platform will be in use for passengers travelling towards Preston while the existing platform 1 is rebuilt and extended. The temporary platform will be accessed from the customer car park and will be clearly signposted. Platform 2 is

being rebuilt in sections and will therefore remain open throughout. During the work to Chapel Street and the main station subway, footpath and road closures will be in place. More information about the closures and diversionary routes will be clearly displayed at the station.

Being a considerate neighbour

Some of the work will be noisy, particularly when we are installing the sheet piled retaining wall south of the station. For safety reasons this work must be carried out during weekends and at night when trains are not running. We will make every effort to minimise any unnecessary noise. Furthermore, those working on site are briefed on working responsibly in the local community.

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