

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

COMMITTEE: Rail and Metrolink Networks
DATE: 2nd October 2009
SUBJECT: Christmas and New Year Public Rail Services 2009/10
REPORT OF: Interim Bus and Rail Director, GMPTE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Members with an update on rail service provision during the 2009/10 Christmas & New Year period.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members of the Committee are asked to: -

- 1) Note the contents of the report in respect of the provision of rail services during the 2009/10 Christmas and New Year period.
- 2) Receive a further report on progress at the next meeting of this Committee in December 2009.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Report to the 26 September 2008 Transport Network Committee.

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1 Introduction

This report provides Members with an early indication of rail service provision during the 2009/10 Christmas/New Year holiday period. A further report will be provided to the December meeting of this committee.

2. Summary of Rail service provision

Summaries of rail services which will be provided by Northern Rail, TransPennine Express, Virgin West Coast and Arriva Cross Country are provided in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report.

3. Other Public Transport Provision and Information Facilities

A report providing initial details of other public transport and information provision during the 2009/10 Christmas and New Year period will be contained in a report to the 9 October Bus Network Committee.

4. Recommendations

Recommendations are provided at the front of this report.

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APPENDIX 1

DATE	TRAIN OPERATING COMPANY			
	Northern Rail	TransPennine Express *	Virgin WC	Arriva Cross Country
Thurs 24th Dec	Normal service with run down from 2000.	Normal service with an early finish - most services are scheduled to arrive at their final destination between 2000 and 2100.	Normal service with an early finish.	Normal service with run down from 2000.
Christmas Day - Fri 25th Dec	No service.	No service	No Service	No Service
Boxing Day - Sat 26th Dec	No service.	No service.	No Service	No Service
Sun 27th Dec	Normal Sunday service.	Most services to operate a normal Sunday service apart from those on the Hope Valley, which will be closed between Manchester and Sheffield; a rail replacement service will operate. Reduced service between Piccadilly and the Airport, 2 lines will be shut, resulting in 2 rather than 4 services an hour.	Normal service with a later start, apart from Manchester via Crewe services; Wilmslow to Crewe is blocked therefore Manchester (via Crewe) services will be diverted via Stoke with coaches between Macclesfield and Wilmslow.	A revised level of service will operate including an hourly Birmingham New Street - Manchester Piccadilly service. Last trains to destinations will be earlier than scheduled.
Bank Holiday - Mon 28th Dec	Normal service.	Most services to operate a normal service apart from those on the Hope Valley which, will be closed between Manchester and Sheffield; a rail	Normal service apart from Manchester via Crewe services; Wilmslow to Crewe is blocked therefore Manchester (via	Trains will commence service from approximately 0900. A revised level of service will operate including an hourly Birmingham New

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Bank Holiday - Mon 28th Dec (cont.)		replacement service will operate.	Crewe) services will be diverted via Stoke with coaches between Macclesfield and Wilmslow.	Street - Manchester Piccadilly service. Last trains to destinations will be earlier than scheduled.
Tues 29th and Wed 30th Dec	Normal service.	Normal service.	Normal service.	A revised level of service will operate including an hourly Birmingham New Street - Manchester Piccadilly service. Last trains to destinations will be earlier than scheduled.
Thurs 31st Dec	Normal service with run down from 2000.	Some earlier finishes, although services will run later than Christmas Eve.	Normal service.	A revised level of service will operate including an hourly Birmingham New Street - Manchester Piccadilly service. Services will run down from 2000.
New Year's Day, Fri 1st Jan	Normal service with the withdrawal of a limited number of early morning services.	Normal service will operate apart from a couple of very early morning services.	Normal service.	Trains will commence service from approximately 0800. A revised level of service will operate including an hourly Birmingham New Street - Manchester Piccadilly service.
Sat 2nd Jan	Normal service.	Normal service.	Normal service.	Normal service.

Summary of Festive Services

NORTHERN RAIL

Northern Rail will operate a normal service throughout the Christmas and New Year period, with the exception of an earlier run down of services on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. There will be no services on Christmas Day or Boxing Day. On New Year's Day, a limited number of early morning services will not operate.

TRANSPENNINE EXPRESS (TPE)

TPE services will run down earlier on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, although trains on New Year's Eve will run slightly later than trains on Christmas Eve. There will be no services on Christmas Day or Boxing Day. On New Year's Day, a limited number of early morning services will not operate.

The Hope Valley will be closed between Manchester and Sheffield on 27 and 28 December during which time a rail replacement service will operate. There will also be a reduced service between Manchester Piccadilly and Manchester Airport on the 27 December because 2 of the four railway lines will be closed. TPE will consequently be running 2 rather than 4 services an hour to / from Manchester airport.

VIRGIN WEST COAST

Virgin services will run down earlier on Christmas Eve and there will be no services on Christmas Day or Boxing Day.

The route between Manchester and London Euston will be open every day, however on the 27 and 28 December the route between Wilmslow and Crewe will be blocked. Manchester - London (via Crewe) services will be diverted via Stoke with a rail replacement service in place between Macclesfield and Wilmslow.

ARRIVA CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country services will run down earlier on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. There will be no service on Christmas Day or Boxing Day and services will start slightly later than usual on the 28 December and on New Year's Day. Between Christmas and New Year, the last trains to certain destinations may be earlier than scheduled.

A revised level of service will be in operation on some CrossCountry routes between Christmas and New Year. This means that an hourly service will operate between Manchester and Birmingham. Engineering work at Wolverhampton will mean that trains to/from Manchester Piccadilly will divert via Bescot with journey times extended by approx ten minutes.