

GREATER MANCHESTER INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AUTHORITY**REPORT FOR INFORMATION**

COMMITTEE: Rail and Metrolink Networks
DATE: 4 December 2009
SUBJECT: Christmas and New Year Rail and Metrolink Services 2009/10
REPORT OF: Interim Bus and Rail Director, GMPTE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members of the Committee are asked to note the contents of the report and further detail provided in respect of the provision of rail and Metrolink services during the 2009/10 Christmas and New Year period.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

'Christmas and New Year Public Rail Services 2009/10' report to the 2 October 2009 Rail and Metrolink Networks Committee.

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 The report presented to the October meeting of this Committee outlined the proposals for Rail service levels during the 2009/10 Christmas and New Year holiday period. This report gives Members an update in respect of Rail services, and includes detail of Metrolink service provision over the holiday period, which has not previously been reported to this Committee.
- 1.2 In all cases, passengers are advised to check details before they travel by calling National Rail Enquiries (08457 48 49 50) or Traveline (0871 200 22 33), visiting www.nationalrail.co.uk, or www.metrolink.co.uk, or checking with staff or the information on posters at stations and stops across the networks.

2 Summary of Rail service provision

- 2.1 Summaries of rail services which will be provided by Northern Rail, TransPennine Express, Virgin Trains and Arriva Cross Country are provided in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report. These summaries include detail of the last trains on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, and the first trains on Sunday 27th December and New Year's Day. Alterations due to engineering work over the festive period are also included.

3 Summary of Metrolink service provision

- 3.1 Metrolink service provision over the Christmas and New Period will be similar to that provided in previous years, however services will be running earlier on Boxing Day than in the past. A summary is attached as Appendix 3 to this report.

4. Other Public Transport Provision and Information Facilities

- 4.1 Details of other public transport and information provision during the 2009/10 Christmas and New Year period were contained in reports to the 9 October and 13 November meetings of the Bus Network and GMPTE Services Committee.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Recommendations are provided at the front of this report.

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APPENDIX 1

DATE	Northern Rail	TransPennine Express *	Virgin Trains	Arriva Cross Country
<p>Thurs 24th Dec</p>	<p>Normal service with an earlier finish.</p> <p>The last departures from Piccadilly will be:</p> <p>1951 to Buxton</p> <p>2017 to Chester</p> <p>2004 to Crewe via Stockport</p> <p>1948 to Hadfield</p> <p>2001 to Liverpool via Newton-le-Willows</p> <p>1946 to Manchester Airport</p> <p>1945 to New Mills Central</p> <p>1836 to Rose Hill</p> <p>1845 to Chinley (connects with TPE service calling additionally at all stations)</p> <p>1948 to Stoke-on-Trent</p> <p>2020 to Southport via Bolton</p> <p>1946 to Wilmslow via Manchester Airport</p> <p>2004 to Wilmslow via Stockport</p> <p>The last departures from Victoria will be:</p> <p>1900 to Clitheroe</p> <p>2000 to Blackburn</p> <p>2022 to Blackpool North</p> <p>2027 to Huddersfield</p> <p>1745 to Kirkby</p>	<p>Normal service with an earlier finish.</p> <p>The last departures from Piccadilly will be:</p> <p>2111 to York</p> <p>2046 to Blackpool North</p> <p>1907 to Liverpool Lime street</p> <p>1918 to Sheffield</p> <p>2158 to Manchester Airport</p>	<p>Normal service with an earlier finish.</p> <p>The last direct train to London Euston from Manchester Piccadilly will be the 1915 departure, arriving at 2126.</p> <p>The last Virgin Trains service from Manchester Piccadilly will be the 2015 to Birmingham New Street</p>	<p>Normal service with an earlier finish.</p> <p>The last service will be the 1927 Manchester Piccadilly to Birmingham New Street.</p>

DATE	Northern Rail	TransPennine Express *	Virgin Trains	Arriva Cross Country
Thurs 24th Dec (cont.)	<p>2121 to Leeds via Rochdale</p> <p>1939 to Liverpool via Newton-le-Willows</p> <p>2010 to Wigan Wallgate via Atherton</p> <p>The last departure from Manchester Oxford Road to Liverpool via Warrington will be at 2044.</p>			
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	<p>Most services to operate a normal Sunday service apart from those on the Hope Valley; trains will run as far as Edale. A rail replacement service will operate between Chinley and Sheffield, with an Edale to Hope shuttle service in operation.</p> <p>2 lines will be shut south of Piccadilly; Liverpool Lime Street to Manchester Airport services will terminate at Manchester Oxford Road. Southport to Chester services will split and will run Southport to Manchester Oxford Road and Stockport to Chester.</p>	<p>Most services to operate a normal Sunday service apart from those on the Hope Valley; a rail replacement service will operate between Manchester and Sheffield.</p> <p>2 lines will be shut south of Piccadilly, resulting in 2 rather than 4 services an hour to the Airport.</p> <p>The first departures from Piccadilly will be:</p> <p>0205 to York (replacement bus)</p> <p>0555 to Blackpool North (replacement bus)</p>	<p>Normal service with a later start, apart from Manchester – London via Crewe services.</p> <p>Wilmslow to Crewe is blocked therefore Manchester – London via Crewe services will be diverted via Stoke. Rail replacement coaches will operate between Macclesfield and Wilmslow.</p> <p>The first service will be the 0920 Manchester Piccadilly – London Euston.</p>	<p>A revised level of service will operate including an hourly Birmingham New Street – Manchester Piccadilly service.</p> <p>Trains will be diverted between Wolverhampton and Birmingham New Street with journey times extended by approximately 10 minutes.</p> <p>The first service will be the 0911 Manchester Piccadilly to Bournemouth.</p>

DATE	Northern Rail	TransPennine Express *	Virgin Trains	Arriva Cross Country
<p>Sun 27th Dec (cont.)</p>	<p>Wilmslow to Crewe is blocked therefore a replacement bus service will operate between Wilmslow and Alderley Edge / Crewe.</p> <p>The first departures from Piccadilly will be:</p> <p>0917 to Buxton</p> <p>0728 to Chester</p> <p>0728 to Crewe via Stockport (change at Wilmslow)</p> <p>0918 to Hadfield</p> <p>0405 to Manchester Airport (replacement bus)</p> <p>0645 to New Mills Central</p> <p>0800 to Sheffield</p> <p>1445 to Stoke-on-Trent</p> <p>0935 to Southport via Bolton</p> <p>1048 to Wilmslow via Manchester Airport</p> <p>0728 to Wilmslow via Stockport</p> <p>The first departures from Victoria will be:</p> <p>0801 to Clitheroe</p> <p>0825 to Blackpool North</p> <p>0843 to Huddersfield</p> <p>0908 to Leeds via Rochdale</p> <p>0853 to Liverpool via Newton-le-Willows</p>	<p>0822 to Sheffield (replacement bus)</p> <p>0405 to Manchester Airport (replacement bus)</p> <p>0922 to Liverpool Lime street (from Manchester Victoria)</p>		

DATE	Northern Rail	TransPennine Express *	Virgin Trains	Arriva Cross Country
Sun 27th Dec (cont.)	The first departures from Manchester Oxford Road will be: 0733 to Liverpool via Newton-le-Willows 0745 to Liverpool via Warrington Central			
Bank Holiday - Mon 28th Dec	Most services to operate a normal Sunday service apart from those on the Hope Valley; trains will run as far as Edale. A rail replacement service will operate between Chinley and Sheffield, with an Edale to Hope shuttle service in operation. Wilmslow to Crewe is blocked therefore a replacement bus service will operate between Wilmslow and Alderley Edge / Crewe. There will be some slight alterations to Manchester – Stoke services to accommodate the retimed Virgin Trains services.	Most services to operate a normal Sunday service apart from those on the Hope Valley; a rail replacement service will operate between Manchester and Sheffield.	Normal service 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 Manchester Piccadilly – Birmingham new Street service.
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.

DATE	Northern Rail	TransPennine Express *	Virgin Trains	Arriva Cross Country
<p>Thurs 31st Dec</p>	<p>Normal service with an earlier finish.</p> <p>The last departures from Piccadilly will be:</p> <p>1951 to Buxton</p> <p>2017 to Chester</p> <p>2004 to Crewe via Stockport</p> <p>1948 to Hadfield</p> <p>2001 to Liverpool via Newton-le-Willows</p> <p>1946 to Manchester Airport</p> <p>1945 to New Mills Central</p> <p>1836 to Rose Hill</p> <p>1845 to Sheffield</p> <p>1948 to Stoke-on-Trent</p> <p>2020 to Southport via Bolton</p> <p>1946 to Wilmslow via Manchester Airport</p> <p>2004 to Wilmslow via Stockport</p> <p>The last departures from Victoria will be:</p> <p>1900 to Clitheroe</p> <p>2000 to Blackburn</p> <p>2022 to Blackpool North</p> <p>2027 to Huddersfield</p> <p>1745 to Kirkby</p> <p>2121 to Leeds via Rochdale</p> <p>1939 to Liverpool via Newton-le-Willows</p>	<p>Some earlier finishes, although services will run later than Christmas Eve.</p> <p>The last departures from Piccadilly will be:</p> <p>2142 to York</p> <p>2146 to Blackpool North</p> <p>2007 to Liverpool Lime street</p> <p>0015 to Sheffield</p> <p>2306 to Manchester Airport</p>	<p>Normal service with an earlier finish.</p> <p>The last direct train to London Euston from Manchester Piccadilly will be the 2015 departure, arriving at 2233.</p>	<p>A revised level of service will operate including an hourly Birmingham New Street - Manchester Piccadilly service.</p> <p>Normal service with an earlier finish. The last service will be the 1927 Manchester Piccadilly to Birmingham New Street.</p>

DATE	Northern Rail	TransPennine Express *	Virgin Trains	Arriva Cross Country
Thurs 31st Dec (cont.)	2010 to Wigan Wallgate via Atherton The last departure from Manchester Oxford Road to Liverpool via Warrington will be at 2044.			
New Year's Day, Fri 1st Jan	Normal service with the withdrawal of a limited number of early morning services The first departures from Piccadilly will be: 0649 to Buxton 0617 to Chester 0606 to Crewe via Stockport 0616 to Hadfield 0658 to Liverpool via Newton-le-Willows 0535 to Manchester Airport 0630 to New Mills Central 0624 to Rose Hill 0550 to Sheffield 0632 to Stoke-on-Trent 0822 to Southport via Bolton 0535 to Wilmslow via Manchester Airport 0606 to Wilmslow via Stockport The first departures from Victoria will be: 0555 to Clitheroe	Normal service will operate apart from a couple of very early morning services. The first departures from Piccadilly will be: 0508 to York 0546 to Blackpool North 0544 to Cleethorpes 0400 to Manchester Airport 0707 to Liverpool Lime Street	Normal service with a later start. The first service will be the 0755 Manchester Piccadilly to London Euston, arriving at 1004.	Trains will commence service from approximately 0800. A revised level of service will operate including an hourly Birmingham New Street - Manchester Piccadilly service. The first service will be the 0827 Manchester Piccadilly to Bournemouth.

DATE	Northern Rail	TransPennine Express *	Virgin Trains	Arriva Cross Country
New Year's Day, Fri 1st Jan (cont.)	0617 to Blackpool North 0655 to Huddersfield 0600 to Kirkby 0554 to Leeds via Rochdale 0539 to Liverpool via Newton-le-Willows 0645 to Wigan Wallgate via Atherton The first departure from Manchester Oxford Road to Liverpool via Warrington will be at 0627.			
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 finish of services on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, and some alterations due to engineering work on the Hope valley route, between Manchester Piccadilly and Stockport / Manchester Airport, and between Wilmslow and Alderley Edge / Crewe. 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 finish 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 railways lines will be closed. TPE will consequently be running 2 rather than 4 services an hour to / from Manchester airport.

VIRGIN TRAINS

Virgin services will finish earlier on Christmas Eve and New Year's 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 finish earlier on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. There will be no service on Christmas Day or Boxing 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 Cross Country 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.

**Stagecoach Metrolink 2009/10
Times for Metrolink Festive Schedules**

Thursday 24/12/09*Bury – Altrincham*

0600-2100 12 minutes service via Piccadilly

0930-1800 12 minutes service direct (no doubles)

Eccles Line

0600-2100 12 minute service

Friday 25/12/09

No service

Saturday 26/12/09*Bury - Altrincham*

0700-2000 15 minute service direct

Eccles Line

0700-2000 15 minute service

Sunday 27/12/09*Sunday service***Monday 28/12/09***Saturday service (Monday finish times)*

0600 – 2345 6 minute peak, 12 minute off-peak service

Doubles on the Altrincham line for MUFC v Wigan

Tuesday 29/12/09*Saturday service (Tuesday finish times)*

0600 – 2345 6 minute peak, 12 minute off-peak

Wednesday 30/12/09*Saturday service (Wednesday finish times)*

0600 – 2345 6 minute peak, 12 minute off-peak service

Thursday 31/12/09*Saturday service*

0600 – 0030 6 minute peak, 12 minute off-peak service

Friday 1/1/10*Bury – Altrincham*

0900-2100 12 minute service via Piccadilly

Eccles Line

0900-2100 12 minute service

Saturday 2/1/10

Normal service is resumed

Start times are from terminal stations and finish times are from the city centre to terminal stations, times are approximate.