

Manchester Piccadilly Train Station Closure: 14th – 22nd February 2026

Network Rail is investing £7.9m to upgrade the south approach to Manchester Piccadilly, replacing ageing infrastructure and modernising equipment across six lines. These improvements will create a more reliable railway and smoother journeys across the region.

Due to the scale of the work, most trains that usually stop at Manchester Piccadilly will terminate earlier. Rail replacement buses will operate where trains cannot reach the station.

Working with TfGM and Manchester City Council, Network Rail has developed an alternative travel plan with the following route updates:

From the south of Manchester:

- All Avanti West Coast Main Line services to Manchester will terminate at Stockport.
- All Cross Country services from the south and south west to Manchester will terminate at Stockport.
- Services from South Wales to Manchester will terminate at Crewe.

To the east of Manchester:

- Services from Glossop and Hadfield will terminate at Guide Bridge.
- Services from Sheffield will terminate at Stockport or Guide Bridge.
- Services from Leeds and Huddersfield will travel to Manchester Victoria.

From the north and west of Manchester:

- Services from North Wales, Chester, Liverpool and Warrington Central will terminate at Manchester Oxford Road
- Trains from Preston and Bolton will terminate at Manchester Victoria or Manchester Oxford Road.
- TransPennine Express services from Scotland will terminate at Preston.
- Services from Chester via Northwich will terminate at Altrincham.

Rail replacement bus services will also run between Manchester Piccadilly and:

- Stockport
- Manchester Airport
- Chesterfield

Rail replacement bus services will run between Manchester Victoria and:

- Guide Bridge
- Rose Hill Marple via Romiley

Passengers for Altrincham are advised to use the Bee Network Metrolink connection.

TfGM will support ticket acceptance on Bee Network buses and Metrolink along affected routes. Passengers are advised to travel light, allow extra time, and expect queues as stations and replacement services will be busy.

Find out more here: <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/our-work/our-routes/north-west/piccadilly-corridor-renewal/>