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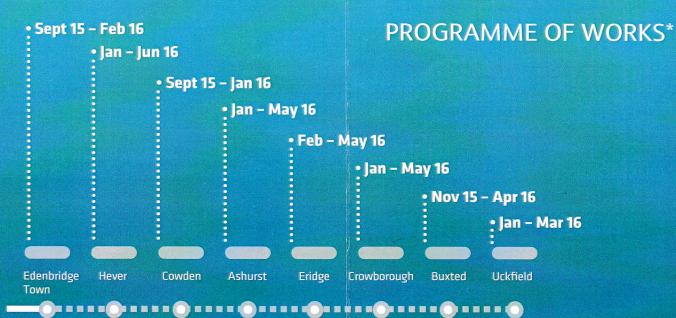


at all stations between Edenbridge Town and Uckfield

Network Rail and Southern are working together to introduce longer trains between Uckfield and London Bridge.



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The new 10 coach trains will increase morning peak capacity by 50%, helping to ease crowding and meet growing passenger demand.

To make this possible, all 12 platforms from Edenbridge Town to Uckfield must be lengthened, including 8 which will need to be doubled in length.

This is a major piece of engineering work, and inevitably there will be some disruption.

We've worked hard to establish a programme of work that will cause the least possible minimum disruption to passengers and residents, while also allowing work to progress quickly. The chosen work schedule will involve off-peak and late evening line closures from Hurst Green to Uckfield in two four week blocks, a seven week full line closure south of Crowborough, and some weekend closures.

Programme of works:

Network Rail started setting up site compounds at some locations in July, and began clearing the footprint of the platform extensions in August. Permanent works started at some sites in September, with others due to commence in the New Year. The stations will be completed on a staggered basis between February and June 2016.

Impact on services:

- 02 November 27 November 2015
 the line will be closed between
 Hurst Green and Uckfield,
 Monday to Friday between 09:20
 and 16:40, with changes to last
 trains Monday to Thursday
- 04 January 20 February 2016
 the line will be closed between
 Crowborough and Uckfield, all day
- 29 February 24 March 2016
 the line will be closed between
 Hurst Green and Uckfield, Monday
 to Friday between 09:20 and 16:40,
 with changes to last trains Monday
 to Thursday
- There will be weekend closures from Hurst Green to Uckfield at various points between August 2015 and May 2016.

During the line closures a comprehensive rail replacement bus service will operate along the line, connecting with trains at Oxted during the off-peak closures, and Crowborough during the all day closure. A detailed plan for this is being finalised by Southern now.

For more information, visit Southern website: www.southernrailway.com/uckfieldline