Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR)

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Our unique contract

- All farebox revenue is passed to the DfT, who determine the level of all fares increases
- All performance income from Network Rail is passed to the DfT
- The DfT funds all payments against Delay Repay claims but GTR funds the necessary administration costs
- GTR receives a payment from the DfT for running the franchise.
- The payment varies and depends on performance against Service Delivery, Customer Experience and Ticketless Travel benchmarks



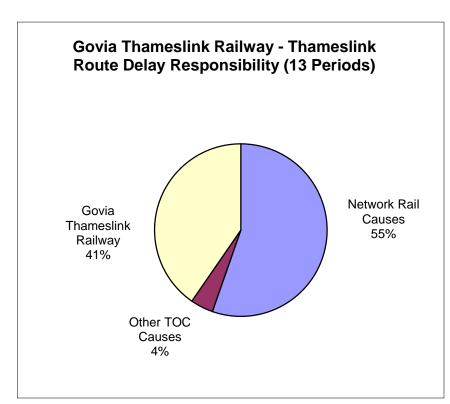


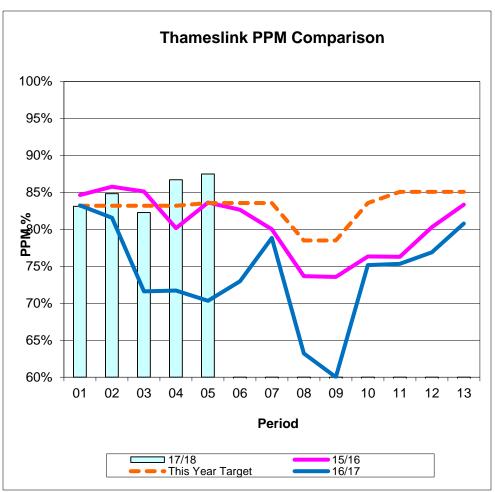


Performance – Thameslink- Period 5

Public performance measure (PPM)

87.5% PPM (23 July to 19 August)





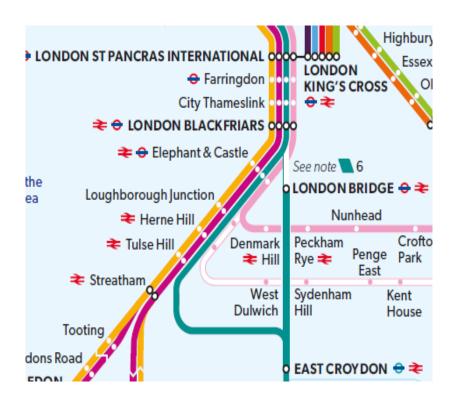








London Bridge impact on performance



- Since 20 December 2014 the Thameslink cross-London route through London Bridge has been closed to allow the station to be rebuilt
- It will reopen to cross-London
 Thameslink services in May 2018
- Since December 2014 all trains to and from the Brighton Main Line have to go via the heavily congested route through Herne Hill and Tulse Hill
- The impact of any performance issues on the Brighton Main Line on the Public Performance Measure (PPM) was greatly underestimated by the DfT and Network Rail.









Siemens Class 700 trains

- 115 fixed formation trains on order 55 x 12-car and 60 x 8-car
- 48 units (11 x 12-car and 37 x 8-car) currently in traffic covering over 350 trains per day
- By the end of September the entire Thameslink fleet will be composed of the Class 700s
- The DfT have agreed that Wi-Fi and seat back tables will be installed
- Reliability has improved in recent months but is still not where it should be.



Key features











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Thameslink driver recruitment and training

	Qualified	Trainee	
Date	drivers	drivers	Driver Target
Jan-15	327	18	356
May-15	327	59	366
Dec-15	330	83	371
May-16	343	96	371
Aug-16	354	91	371
Dec-16	370	134	390
31-Jan-17	369	148	390
14-Mar-17	372	159	390
17-Apr-17	374	183	390
08-Jun-17	384	180	390
04-Jul-17	389	168	390
06-Sep-17	398	171	390

It takes 12-14 months to train a driver from scratch

- Classroom theory
- 24 weeks
- Train handling with instructor
- 250-350 hours
- Final assessment
- Up to 2 weeks





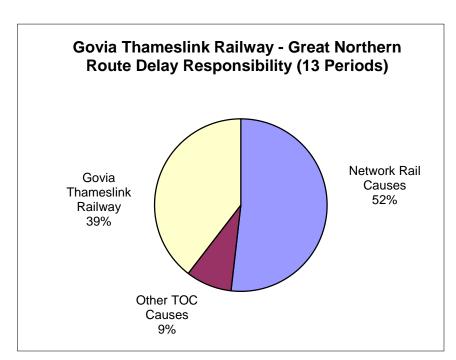


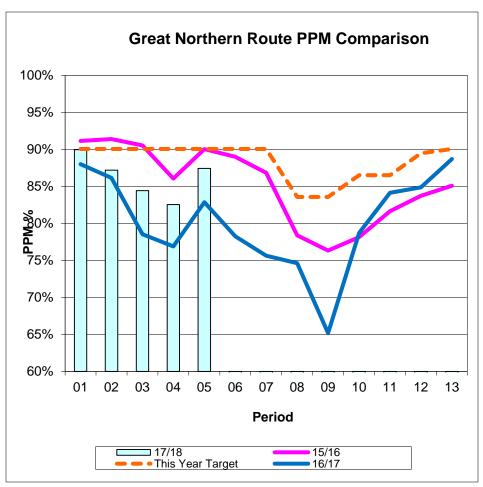
Performance – Great Northern - Period 5

Public performance measure (PPM)

87.4% PPM (23 July to 19 August)

WGC services 93.9% PPM HFN services 91.9% PPM













Focus on improving performance

Working with Network Rail to:

 Improve signalling regulation, i.e. make sure that their signallers don't give priority to late running long distance (inter-city) services at the expense of on-time GN services, resulting in our services incurring avoidable delays

Working internally to:

- Speed up service recovery following infrastructure-related disruption
- Reduce delays or cancellations resulting from train faults

Northern City Line Improvements:

- Managing dwells
- Managing passenger flows to the timetable









Modern trains on Great Northern









October 2016 • Class 387 • 321 & 317 replaced

Autumn 2017 Class 700365reduced

- By end 2018
- Class 717313replaced









Class 387 trains

- Peterborough, Cambridge and King's Lynn services
- Class 387s on Great Northern: We have 29 of these new air conditioned trains with 26 in service daily
- Greater reliability than previous Class 317 and 321 trains
- Two-by-two seating with tables and power points throughout
- Spaces for people in wheelchairs, fully accessible toilets and other features for people with disabilities
- Completed first part of two year programme to introduce new trains across all parts of the Great Northern network.
- 75% of total train fleet to be replaced











Brand new Moorgate trains

On 22 December 15 we announced Siemens as the preferred bidder for the new train fleet for Great Northern suburban services.

- The order is for 25 six-car units (150 vehicles), of a variant of the Class 700, which is being built by Siemens for the new Thameslink service
- They will replace the existing Class
 313 trains built in 1976
- They will enter service at the end of 2018 on routes to and from Welwyn, Hertford North and Stevenage.

Key features

- Fixed length with full width inter-vehicle gangways, creating more space for passengers on board (there are no intermediate cabs)
- Air-conditioning
- The latest in passenger information systems with real-time information
- Fully accessible and compliant with disability legislation
- Power points throughout











Great Northern driver recruitment and training

	Qualified	Trainee	Establishment	Driver
Date	drivers	drivers	Establishment	Target
Jan-15	310	35	350	350
May-15	310	50	357	357
Dec-15	318	93	365	373
May-16	324	87	381	397
Aug-16	343	78	381	413
Dec-16	358	69	381	415
Jan-17	357	65	381	415
Apr-17	373	53	381	415
Jul-17	375	65	398	422
Aug-17	378	60	398	422

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Modernising the south east rail network

- Most congested railway in the UK
- Doubling on passenger journeys in the last 16 years
- We are transforming and future proofing the busiest part of the UK network
- Halfway through our challenge to modernise & enhance rail experience across four interconnected networks
- New trains, UK's biggest ever driver recruitment programme, joint working with Network Rail to realise benefits of infrastructure investment
- Investing in new technology and trains to improve performance
- Modernising working practices to improve customer experience











Network Rail Improvement Fund

£300m additional funding confirmed for NR to boost resilience of infrastructure on GTR routes.

- £200m London South Coast
- £100m main routes north of London

Work will include:

- replacing tracks and signalling and renewing key junctions;
- improving security by the railway to help prevent trespass;
- improving drainage in old tunnels to prevent water damage to electrical equipment;
- shoring up cuttings and embankments to reduce the risk of landslides.

Anticipated reduction in delay minutes of up to 15%

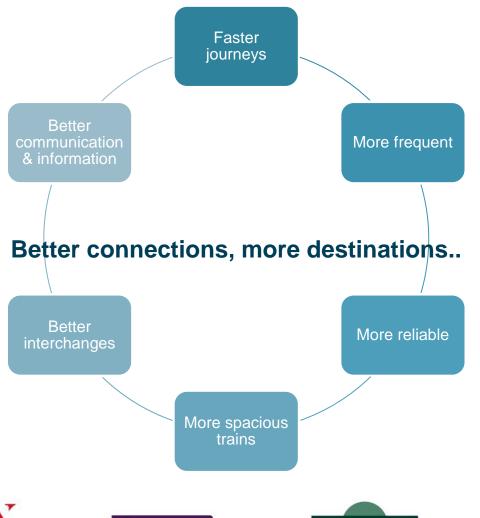








Benefits of the Thameslink transformation project











Key focus areas of the TL programme

2018 operations re-defines the core as the heart of UK rail operations; with impacts much further reaching than its geography.

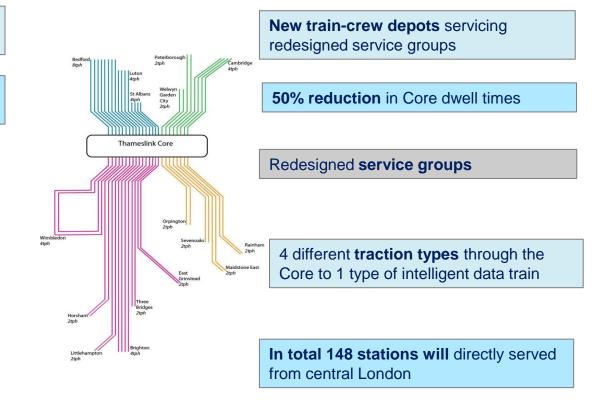
Expanded TL network moving from 4 'extremities' to 12

50% uplift in service for **twice as long** in the peak

Many new technologies – being introduced as a whole system for the first time in 2018:

- Trains
- Signalling, Control and regulation
- Decision making
- Information flow

Connection of **two** GTR routes / brands











2018 timetable consultation – phase 2

The biggest overhaul of the rail service since the sixties, £7bn of investment and three years of preparation are coming to a head. In May 2018 we will see the launch of an entirely new rail service.

Phase 2 of the timetable consultation has now closed – Over 10,000 responses

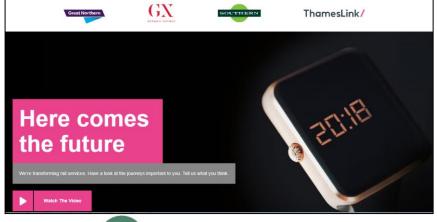
Next steps:

• We'll be working our way through all the comments to finalise the timetable

for submission to Network Rail

Responding to enquires sent in

 Overnight & weekend timetables consultation in autumn











Automated Delay Repay

- Introduced on Thameslink and Great Northern in June 2017
- Extended to Southern in mid August
- Uses algorithms after customer has tapped in and out to calculate if the journey made was delayed by 15 minutes or more.
- It will send an automatic claim to the customer's online account. Customer reviews the claim for accuracy and confirm preferred method of payment











Delay Repay 15

- First train operator to introduce Delay Repay for delays over 15 mins. Introduced December 2016
- Improved scheme will provide 25% discount on single fares for delays between 15 and 29 minutes
- Since October 16 we have given passengers options for payment including credit card, debit card, electronic bank transfer and PayPal









