

Members Q & A Meeting



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Agenda



1. History of the past 23 years
2. Key features of the new Portishead & Pill line
3. What's happening now and next through to 2026
4. What PRG may become as the line reopens

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1. A Brief History



- 18 April 1867 Line opened ... Closed 7 Sept 1964
- 23 Mar 2000 PRG formed
- 21 Dec 2001 Freight line opened
- 22 Feb 2012 MetroWest launched
- 9 Mar 2017 Cost up from £58m to £175m
- 18 Nov 2019 Full funding in place. DCO submitted
- 14 Nov 2022 DCO approved

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1. A Brief History



DCO took 6 years work:

- Late 2016 DCO Consultation
Delays – Funding, Network Rail & Environment Agency
- Dec 2019 DCO submitted 27,000 pages.
- Oct 2021 Secretary of State decision due
6 month Delay – Sec. of State for Transport
- April 2022 Secretary of State decision due
“Minded to Approve” but another 10 month delay
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Funding – Nov 2022



Funding Source	Amount
Local Growth Funding 2013	£27,320,000
Economic Development Funding 2013	£26,079,000
Contributions by four Councils	£4,413,000
N. Somerset & WECA - 2017 (50% each)	£11,720,000
N. Somerset – March 2019	£15,000,000
DfT via CP6 RNEP – April 2019	£31,900,000
N. Somerset & WECA - 2022 (50% each)	£20,000,000
DfT additional capital contribution	£15,580,000
Total	£152,012,000

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2. Features of the new line



- Initially hourly service
- Journey time 23-25 minutes. For example:

Portishead terminus	10:05	
Portbury Junction	10:10	
Pill (new station)	10:11	
Ashton (possible future station)	10:22	
Parson Street Junction	10:23	(Bristol-Exeter main line)
Parson Street (existing station)	10:24	
Bedminster (existing station)	10:27	
Bristol Temple Meads	10:30	

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2. Features of the new line



- Completely new track-bed and line between Portishead & Pill
- Re-lay existing freight line possibly all the way to Parson Street
- New stations at Portishead (terminus) and Pill
- Land for possible future Ashton Vale station earmarked (BCC)
- Bridge works, culvert & tunnel portal repair/rebuild, rock-face stabilisation, environmental protection & conservation works
- Portbury Dock road across line to Court Farm car import compound will disappear! (replaced by a bridge)
- New power line accessway at Sheepway will also disappear

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2. Features of the new line



- GWR - Service Provider
- Rolling stock – either Class 165 or Class 166



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2. Features of the new line



- Initially 3-car trains running a to-and-fro shuttle
- Expected to be 5-car trains, through-routed to Henbury via all stations within 2 years

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3. What's happening ...



- Detailed Design phase is 'owned' by DfT
- Network Rail responsible for providing DfT with a railway that is fit for purpose & ready to add to the National Network
- VolkerFitzpatrick awarded £9M design support contract - February 2023

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3. What's happening ...



Network Rail currently deep into detailed design:

- Ecology designs & works are progressing well
- Local maintenance teams working on the definition of the numerous access-points and compounds required during construction
- 'Hazard workshops' underway

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3. What's happening ...



Network Rail currently deep into detailed design:

- 'Safety workshops' for Pill and Portishead station designs are complete
- Network Rail 'Design 50% complete' review set for end of August 2023

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3. What's happening ...



Full Business Case & Construction

- Costings from Detailed Design combined with other costs to form Full Business Case
- Strong Business Case provides evidence for scheme to be formally accepted as wise use of taxpayers' money
- Summer 2024 - Full Business Case submitted by NSC for scrutiny by DfT
- Route & required facilities not in doubt. Work done over recent years helps the remaining design work
- 2025/26 Construction. 2026 Completion

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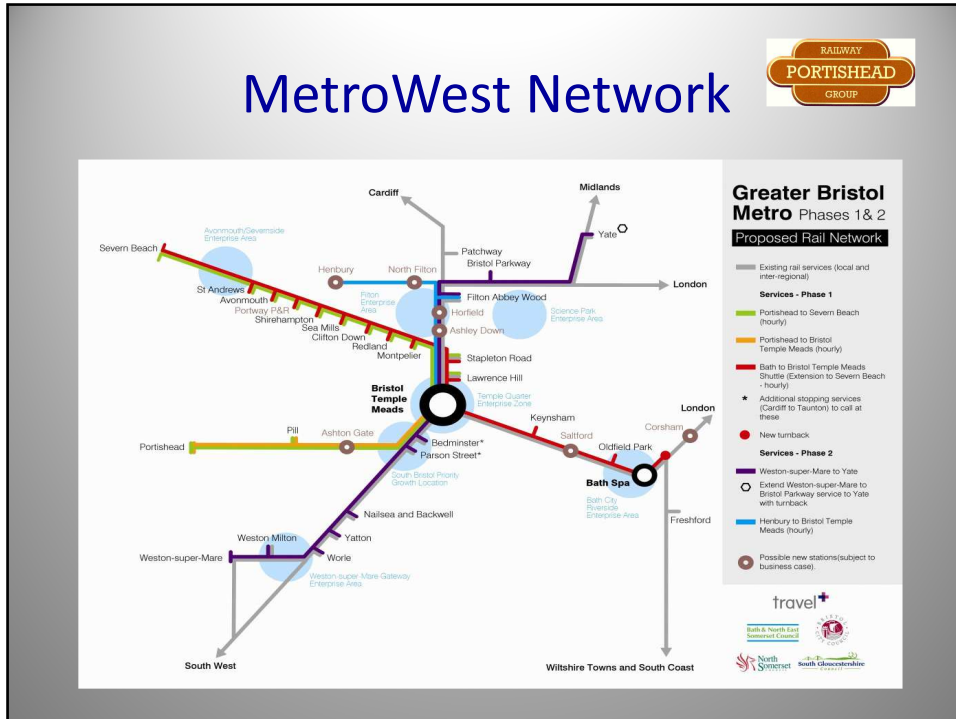
4. What PRG may become



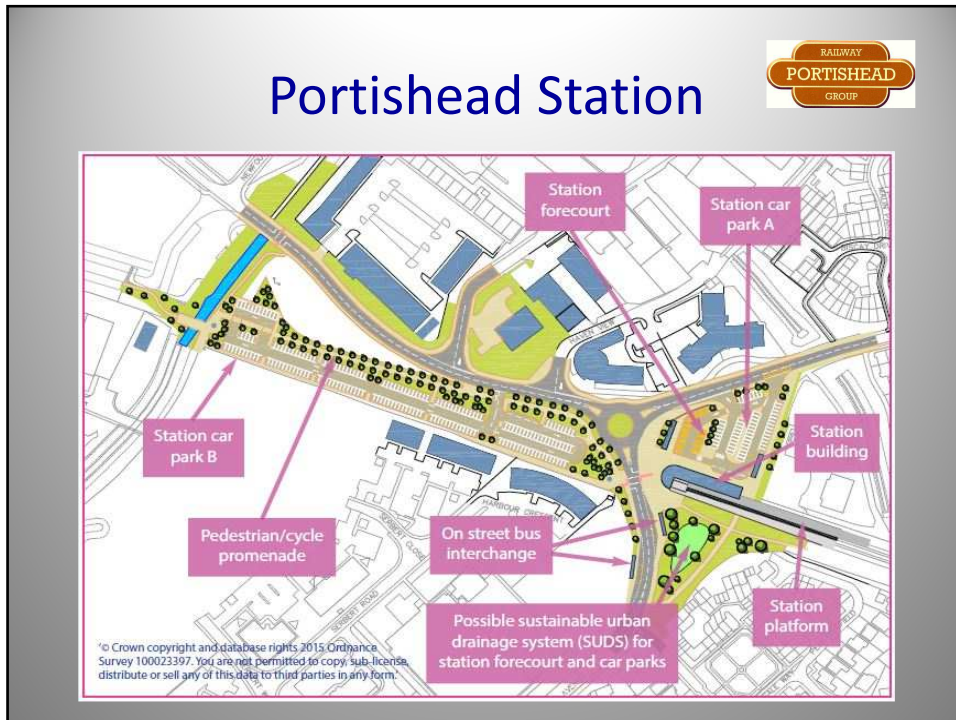
The future of PRG



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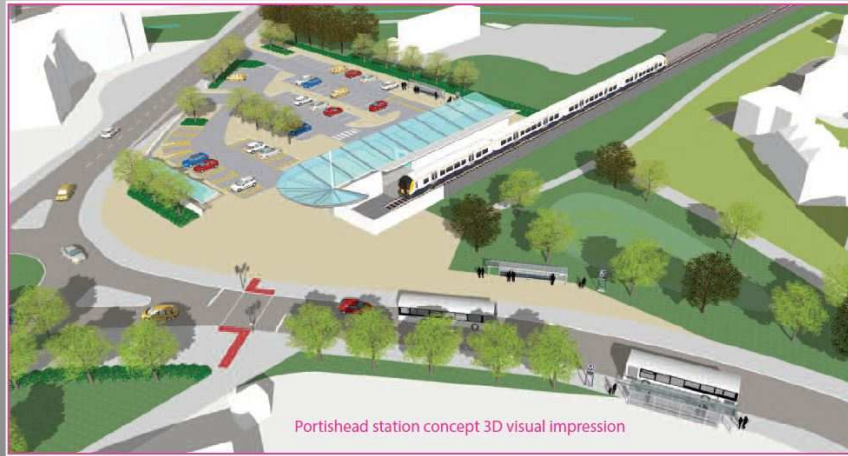


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Portishead Station



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Pill Station



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Network Rail GRIP Process



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| 1. Output definition | What does it deliver? | ✓ |
| 2. Pre-feasibility | Is it possible? Is it affordable? | ✓ |
| 3. Option selection | Develop alternatives | ✓ |
| 4. Single option dev. | Develop 'best' strategy | ✓ |
| 5. Detailed design | Plan it NOW | |
| 6. Construction | Build it | |
| 7. Scheme handback | Deliver it | |
| 8. Project close out | Tidy up loose ends and review | |