

Works Notice

March 2024

Signalling system testing

A world-class railway signalling system is being installed in South East Queensland as part of the Cross River Rail Project. The system has been installed and is currently being tested along the Shorncliffe line.

Overview

Testing of the new European Train Control System (ETCS) is taking place along the Shorncliffe line and will continue throughout 2024.

Digital signalling is the most significant change to SEQ's rail operations since electric trains were introduced in the 1980s.

Set to revolutionise rail, it will result in smart, safe and seamless travel – increasing capacity, efficiency and reliability, and is especially important for the safe operation of trains in the Cross River Rail tunnels.

This critical testing means there needs to be some changes to train services now and we thank Shorncliffe line customers for their support to enable this to occur.

Detailed information about track closures and transport changes on the Shorncliffe line during 2024 will be provided in advance of each testing period.

Details of work

Date and hours	Location	Type of work
Between 10:00pm and 4:00am intermittently throughout March.	Between Northgate and Shorncliffe stations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> System testing.
Between 8.20pm and 4.00am between Monday 11 March and Thursday 14 March (four nights).	Between Northgate and Shorncliffe stations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> System testing. A test train will operate between Banyo and Shorncliffe. Traffic control will be in place at the Nudgee pedestrian crossing (city side of Nudgee station) and at Adams Street, Kennerley Street, Curlew Street and Palm Avenue crossings. During this time, no passenger trains will be operating on the Shorncliffe line. The last scheduled train services are: 7.32pm (Northgate to Shorncliffe) and 7.24pm (Shorncliffe to Northgate). Buses will replace trains between Northgate and Shorncliffe stations while testing takes place. All services will return to a regular timetable from the first service each morning.

What to expect if you're a rail customer

Cross River Rail won't just transform Brisbane, it will transform the way we travel across South East Queensland. But building Cross River Rail means changes to travel and transport services during construction.

From 7.30pm to last service each night between Monday 11 and Thursday 14 March, buses will replace trains between Northgate and Shorncliffe stations.

All services will return to a regular timetable from the first service each morning.

During testing on the Shorncliffe line, you may see trains travelling on the line and stopping at some stations. These trains are undergoing important testing and are not regular train services.

We encourage you to plan ahead by downloading the MyTranslink app, visiting translink.com.au or calling 13 12 30.

What to expect if you live alongside the rail corridor

Residents along the rail corridor may hear noise associated with testing (e.g. train movements, horns, light vehicles and work personnel). Lighting towers will also be used in some locations.

All staff will be fully briefed about their community responsibilities in relation to minimising noise and disruption after hours.



Banyo station

Banyo station will be temporarily closed until late 2024 as part of Queensland Rail's Station Accessibility Upgrade Program.

During the track closure period, both timetabled railbuses and the existing dedicated shuttle bus services running between Northgate and Banyo stations will be available.

The stops for the railbuses and the existing shuttle bus service will be from separate locations near Banyo station. Additional signage will be installed to assist customers.

For more information about the Banyo station accessibility upgrade, please contact Queensland Rail on 1800 722 203 or email stationsupgrade@qr.com.au.

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