

# Rail network enhancement for the next 10 years and beyond

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### Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd

- · Private company limited by guarantee
- Owns & operates the rail infrastructure of Great Britain
- All the signalling and electrical equipment needed to operate the track 20,000 miles of track
- 40,000 bridges, tunnels and viaducts
- 6,650 level crossings
- Over 1,100 signal boxes
- Connections to over 1,000 freight terminals
- 2,500 stations and 90 traincare depots mainly leased to train operators
- One of the country's largest property owners
- More SSIs than any other landowner
- A four-track railway has less land take than 3-lane motorway
- Over 30,000 employees



# Network Planning

#### "Shaping the future rail network"

- Strategic planning for the national rail network
- Identification and development of the appropriate network capability and capacity to meet the long term needs of the rail industry, its users, funders and stakeholders.



## Infrastructure Investment 2009 - 2014

#### Delivered:

- Southampton to West Coast freight gauge upgrade
- Cotswold line redoubling



# Southampton - West Coast freight gauge upgrade



- Soton –Reading Oxford the Midlands/north/Scotland
- Route gauge cleared to enable 9' 6" high containers to be conveyed on conventional flat wagons
- Operational May 2011
  - -6 additional trains per each way since completion
  - Rail market share increased from 29% to 36%
  - -Potential to take 15,000 trunk lorry journeys off the roads p.a.



## Cotswold line redoubling

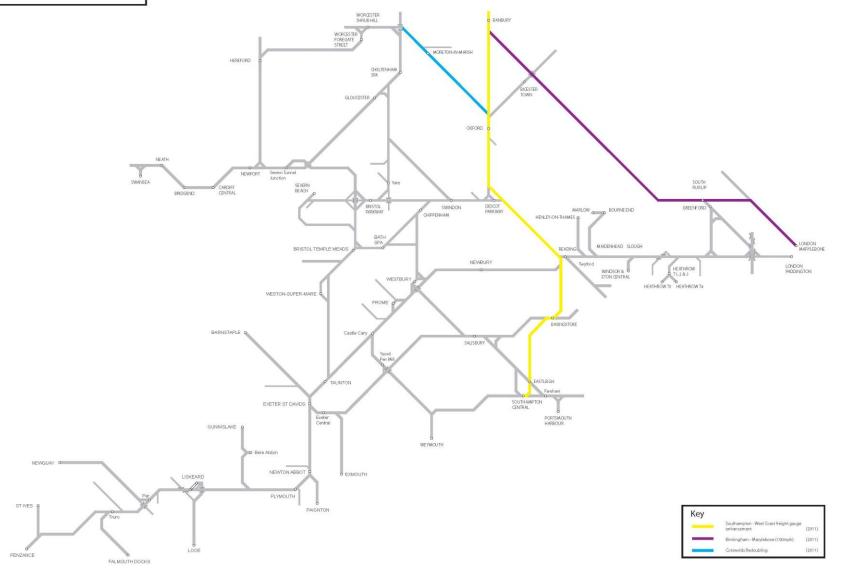
- Redoubling of single line sections between:
  - Charlbury and Ascott-under-Wychwood (completed June 2011)
  - Moreton-in-Marsh and Evesham (completion August 2011)

#### Delivers:

- Journey time improvements,
- Additional capacity and improved reliability
- Operational August 2011
- Evaluating further line speed increases.



#### Rail enhancements: 2011





## Infrastructure Investment 2009 - 2014

#### Under development/construction:

- Bicester Oxford (Bi-Ox)
- GWML Electrification
- Intercity Express Programme
  - Cotswolds/Oxford London services
  - Electric suburban trains on London commuter services
- Reading station area redevelopment
- Crossrail



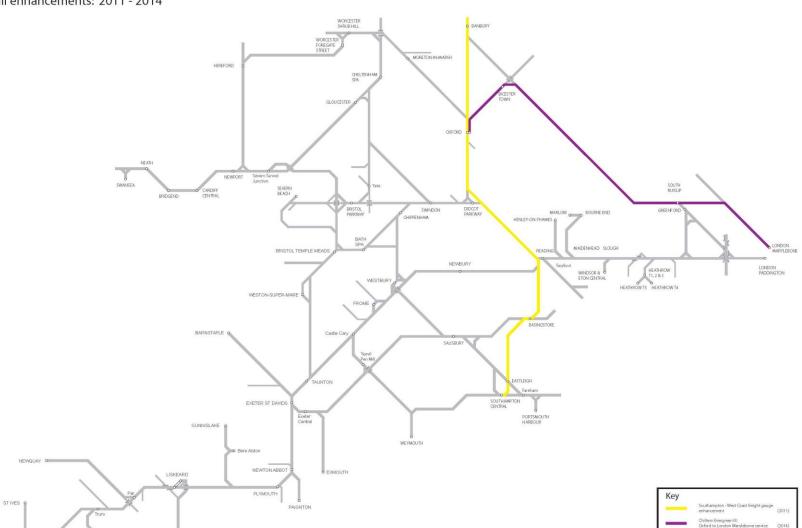
# Bicester – Oxford (Bi-Ox)

- Chiltern Railways proposal
- New alignment into the north of Oxford
- New north facing bay platform
- Operational 2014

#### -Delivers:

Oxford – Marylebone through services





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## Infrastructure investment 2014 - 2019

- Reading station area redevelopment
- GWML electrification
- IEP: Super Express Train
- Electric suburban trains
- Crossrail



# Reading station area redevelopment

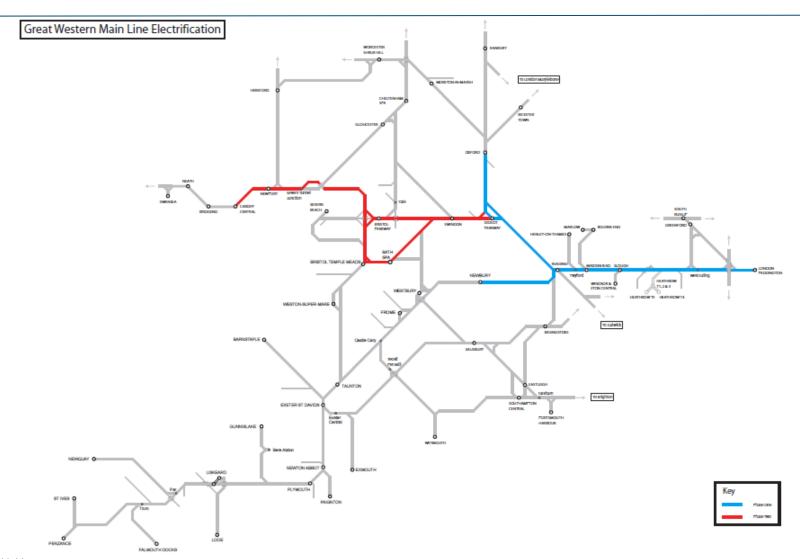
- -Four additional platforms for GWML services,
- One new platform and platform extensions for 'Waterloo' line services
- Grade separation with major track reconfiguration to the east and west of the station.
- Complements Southampton West Coast freight upgrade

#### • Delivers:

- Improved reliability and additional capacity for both east – west and north – south flows.
  - Operational 2016



## **GWML** electrification





### GWML electrification

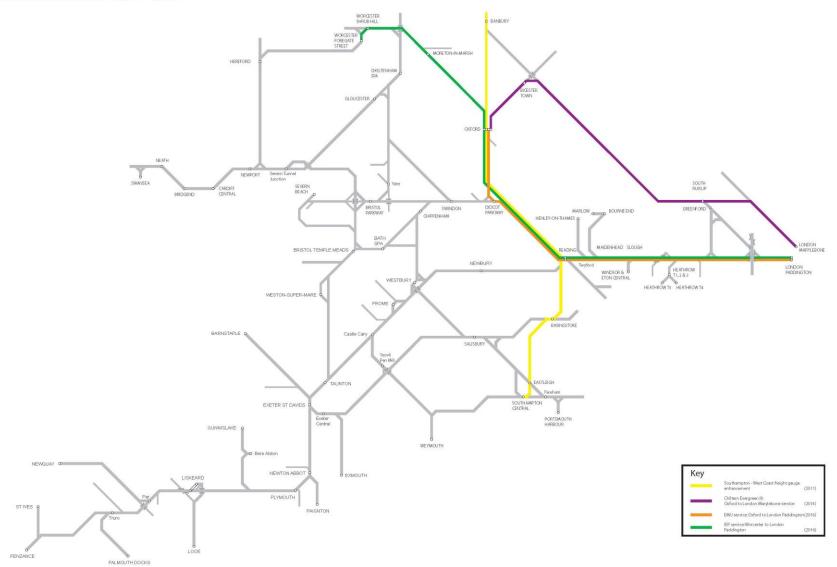
- Facilitates the introduction of:
  - –New fleet of long distance high speed trains (125mph):
    - All-electric train operation on core electrified route (Paddington – Bristol)
    - Bi-mode train operation on core electrified route and "off-the-wires"
    - extensions (Paddington Oxford North Cotswolds)
  - Electric suburban trains (100mph)
    - Oxford London commuter services
- Delivers: Faster journey times and additional seating capacity
- Operational (Oxford/Newbury/Bristol) 2016, (Cardiff) 2017



# IEP: Super Express Train









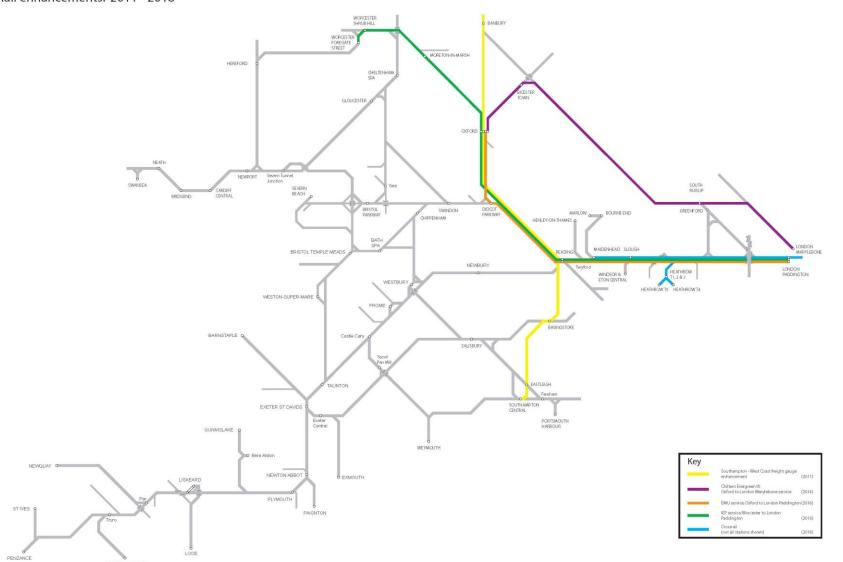
### Crossrail

- Fast and frequent cross-London train service between Maidenhead and Heathrow in the west and Abbey Wood and Shenfield in the east via central London
  - -24tph through the central tunnel
  - –4tph to Heathrow Airport
  - –4tph to Maidenhead
  - –2tph to West Drayton
- Improved connectivity to the West End and the City
- Additional passenger capacity from the Thames Valley

Operational 2018



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# Initial Industry Plan - published September 2011

- CP5 (2014 2019) candidate schemes funding bid
- Recommendations from Route Utilisation Strategies
  - Great Western RUS established by Office of Rail Regulation
     March 2010
  - London & South East RUS established by Office of Rail Regulation March 2010
- Must deliver:
  - Journey Time Improvements (JTIs) and/or additional capacity
- Must achieve:
  - Benefit/Cost Ratio (BCR) 2:1 (High value)



## The Oxford corridor capacity

- Didcot Oxford Aynho Junction
  - -Existing passing loops lengthened and upgraded
  - Oxford station south-facing bay platform
  - –Oxford station turn-back signals from platform 2
  - -Bi-directional signalling in 9-mile long sections
  - Re-signalled and re-controlled to new Thames Valley Signalling Centre by 2015
  - -Thames Valley Signalling Centre (TVSC) at Didcot will eventually control the whole of the Western Route



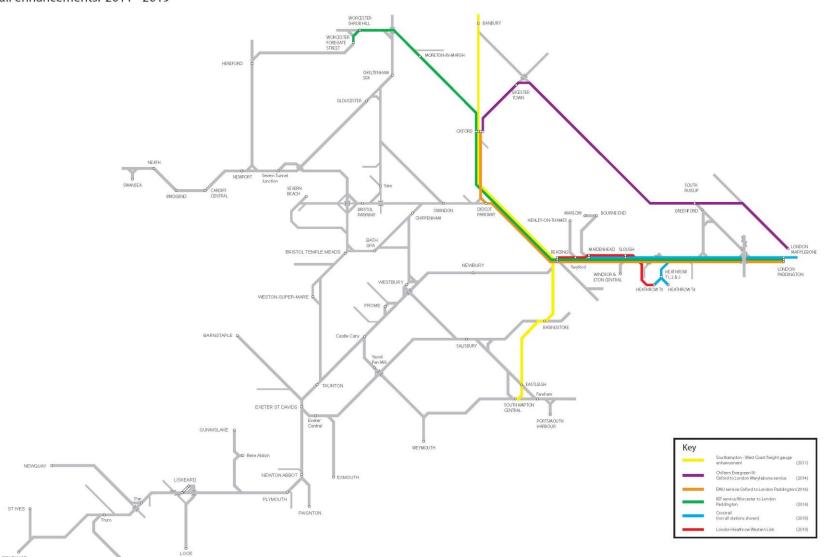
## Proposed infrastructure investment

- Western access to London Heathrow Airport
  - Links London Heathrow Airport T5 with GWML Relief Lines
    - (connecting east of Slough)
  - Connectivity with Oxford
    - Operational 2019?
- East West Rail
  - Third party proposal
  - Links Oxford with Milton Keynes
  - -Water Eaton Parkway
    - Operational 201x?



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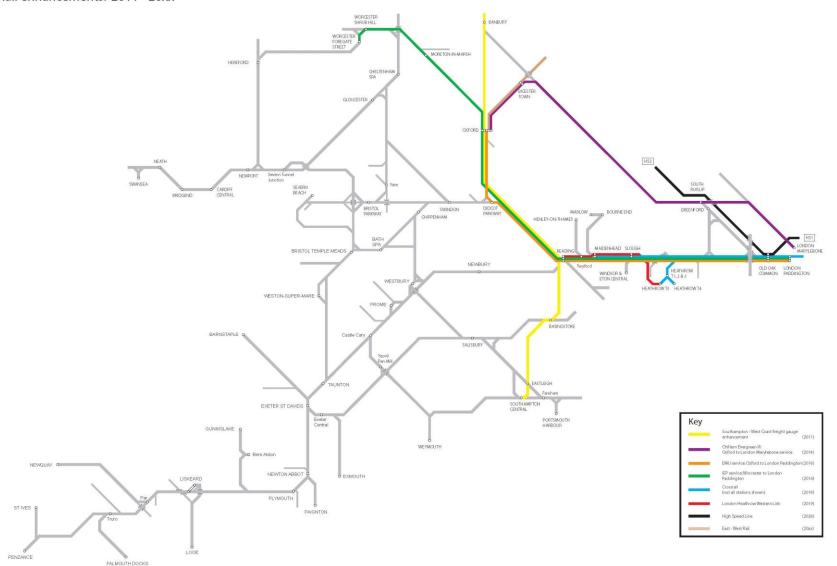
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#### Rail enhancements: 2011 - 20xx



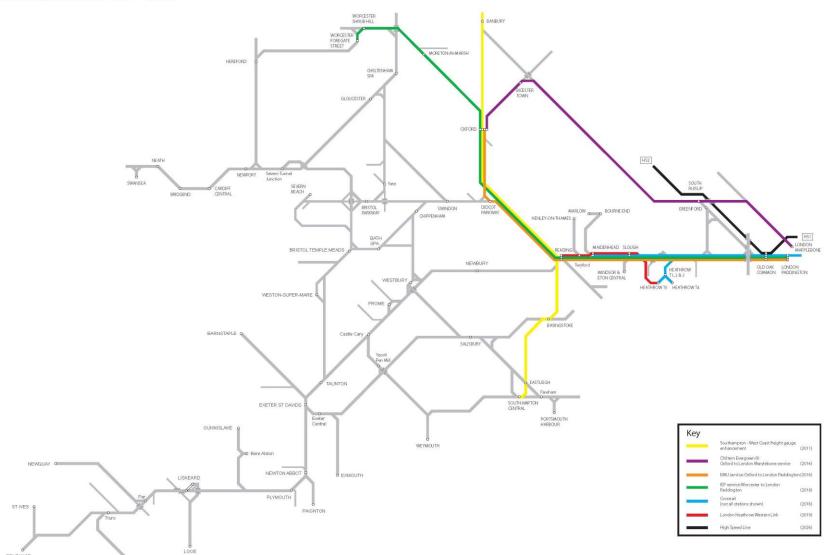


### Under evaluation

- HS2 Euston Birmingham Manchester & Leeds
  - -Connectivity opportunities on the GWML
  - Shifts the focus from Paddington
  - New 8-platform station on the GWML at Old Oak Common
  - -All HS2 and GWML trains call at Old Oak Common
    - Crossrail services for central London and the City
    - European High Speed Network via HS1

Operational 2026





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# Questions?