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Dear Stakeholder,

Wirral Loop Line to Re-Open on Monday 19 June

Following six months of work to replace track in the loop and under the riverbed, the Wirral line will fully re-open on Monday 19 June. From then, trains will once again, be able to cross the river and all stations affected by the improvement programme will be in use.

The track in the underground loop, forming the one-way section of the Wirral line under the centre of Liverpool, was built in the 1970s and needed to be replaced. To minimise disruption, Network Rail took the opportunity to replace the track under the riverbed between James Street and Hamilton Square, as well.

Doing all this work in one go means that passengers are less likely to be inconvenienced in future. The new track is expected to last up to 60 years and enhance the safety of the network. The work also supports the introduction of the new Merseyrail fleet in 2020.

We would like to thank you personally for engaging with us on the project and for your help to ensure that people in the city region were aware of it. We would also ask you to dismantle any related material displayed in your workplace, either digitally or on noticeboards, etc, in order to avoid confusion.

During big engineering projects such as this one, our main aim is ensuring that disruption for everyone travelling in the city region – not just rail-users – is kept to a minimum. We thank Merseyrail passengers and other travellers affected by the work for their patience and understanding throughout.

The project is part of a £340m investment in the Liverpool City Region's railways by the end of 2019. The lessons we've learned through the track renewal scheme will inform the next major set of work at Liverpool Lime Street station from the autumn. We'll be looking to give you more detail on this in the coming weeks.

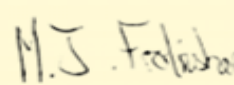
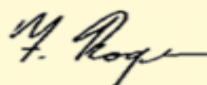
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Yours faithfully,

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