



GMPTe is to upgrade nearly 20 miles of worn out track on the Bury and Altrincham Metrolink lines. Carillion Construction Ltd has been appointed to do this work.

The Metrolink tracks are more than 50 years old in places, approaching the end of their natural lives. Wear and tear on the trams is requiring vehicles to be taken out of service for repair and making it harder to run a reliable service. Metrolink trams will be more comfortable and reliable when this work is completed.

The work will be carried out during the months when fewer people use Metrolink.

Bury Line

May 2007	Some partial weekend closures
End May 2007	Closure of Bury line from Bury to Whitefield
End June to late September 2007	Closure between Bury and Manchester

Altrincham Line

Early July to end August 2007	Closure from Altrincham to Cornbrook
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- Trams will continue to run in the City Centre and on the Eccles line over the whole period.
- GMPTe will provide replacement bus services for Metrolink customers whilst work takes place.
- More details of the replacement buses and the exact dates will be given nearer the time.
- A total of £102m is being invested on the improvements which will include new ticket machines, stop upgrades and the introduction of 8 new trams.