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Major upgrading work on Western Line - 2 October to 28 October

Major upgrading work means buses will replace most trains on the Richmond branch line **from the evening of Sunday 2 October, through to Friday 28 October**, RailCorp acting Chief Operating Officer Tony Eid said today.

The project includes construction of over three kilometres of new railway track and signal and control system testing at the Blacktown signal box.

The works are required for the completion of the Richmond branch line duplication of track between Quakers Hill and Schofields and will finish with the opening of the relocated Schofields Station on Saturday 29 October.

The station is located 800 metres from the existing Schofields Station towards Quakers Hill.

Mr Eid said the duplication of the track will allow for a greater frequency and reliability of peak services through the area as well as cater for future passenger demand.

“We are committed to improving the reliability of services in Western Sydney and we would like to thank customers for their patience while these upgrades take place.

“During October, customers should plan ahead and allow for additional travel time for their journeys,” said Mr Eid.

More detailed information including bus times during the upgrades can be checked in the Richmond branch line track upgrade booklet, which is now available at affected stations, or online at www.cityrail.info.

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Trackwork details:

During October trackwork on the Richmond branch line and selected stations on the Western line will take place and buses will replace trains.

- Evening of Sunday 2 October – 2am Monday 3 October – Buses replace trains between Richmond and Blacktown. (The last train leaves Blacktown to Richmond at 10pm, with buses starting to operate from Blacktown at 10.30pm.)

- 2am Monday 3 October - 2am Tuesday 4 October – Buses replace trains between St Marys and Parramatta and also between Richmond and Parramatta.
- Tuesday 4 to Sunday 9 October - Buses replaces trains between Richmond and Blacktown
- Monday 10 to Friday 14 October – Buses replace trains between Richmond and Quakers Hill – Each night from 8pm buses replace trains between Richmond and Blacktown
- Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 October – Buses replace trains between Richmond and Granville and between St Marys and Granville
- Monday 17 to Friday 21 October – Buses replace trains between Richmond and Quakers Hill – Each night from 8pm buses replace trains between Richmond and Blacktown
- Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 October – Buses replace trains between Richmond and Blacktown
- Monday 24 to Friday 28 October – Buses replace trains between Richmond and Quakers Hill – Each night from 8pm buses replace trains between Richmond and Blacktown
- Monday 31 October to Thursday 3 November (evening trackwork) – Buses replace trains between Richmond and Blacktown