

# Barmouth Viaduct Operation – Rail Replacement

# Overview

- The Possession requires Buses to replace trains between Machynlleth and Pwllheli **between 12<sup>th</sup> September and 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021.**
- A combination of high quality coaches (Semi Express) and minibuses (All Station Services) will be operating.
- Dedicated School Services to be provided following engagement via the Stakeholder team.
- All Coaches deployed will be PSVAR compliant.
- All Coaches deployed will have toilet facilities that will be open for use when safe.
- A comprehensive Route check is being completed to ensure all routes, RRS Points and information is accurate in advance of the operation.



# Standbys and Staffing

## Standby Vehicles – to be in place from first to last service.

### **Sundays -**

- 1x Minibus and 1x Coach at Machynlleth
- 1x Minibus and 1x Coach at Pwllheli
- 1x Minibus at Barmouth

### **Midweek and Saturdays -**

- 1x Minibus and 1x Coach at Machynlleth
- 1x Minibus and 1x Coach at Pwllheli
- 1x Minibus and 1x Coach at Barmouth

## Rail Replacement Coordination Staff – to be in place from first to last service.

### **Each Day**

- 1 x Machynlleth
- 1x Barmouth
- 1x Pwllheli

# Pick Up point and Running Time Changes

As part of our preparation for this possession a complete review of our running times and pick up points was completed. This means that the running times between stations and some of the pick up/drop off points used for this operation will be different from those previously used and what you may be used to.

- The updated running times are reflected within the plans and have resulted in faster journeys for customers and less waiting time at stops (which has been raised in previous customer feedback).
- Where the pick up/drop off point has been updated the Comms team have created posters that will be placed at the stations to inform customers and aid them in finding the new location.
- The revised pick up/drop off points will be reflected in public facing information sources (Useful information posters, National Rail Enquiries etc).



# Pick Up point List

As some have changed below is a list of the pick up points that will be used during this operation -

Station	Pick Up point info to be used.
Machynlleth	Wait outside the main station building
Penhelig	Wait outside the Penhelig Arms
Aberdovey	For Machynlleth wait at the Bus stop opposite the Station Entrance on the A493. For Pwllheli wait at the Bus stop at the Station Entrance on the A493
Tywyn	For Machynlleth use Bus stop across from The Co-op Superstore on Station Road. For Pwllheli use Bus stop outside The Co-op Superstore on Station Road
Tonfanau	At the station entrance on the A496
Llwyngwrl	Wait at bus stops on the A493 close to the Church.
Fairbourne	Wait at bus stop alongside station entrance
Morfa Mawddach	In the station car park
Barmouth	Pickup & drop off on Marine Parade adjacent to the café at the station entrance
Llanaber	At the top of the station approach path on the A496
Talybont	For Machynlleth use Bus stop across from Tonys Takeaway on the A496. For Pwllheli use Bus stop outside Tonys Takeaway on the A496
Dyffryn Ardudwy	For Machynlleth use Bus stop next to The Post Office on the A496. for Pwllheli use Bus stop on the opposite side of the road.
Llanbedr	For Machynlleth Bus stop next to The Victoria Pub near the phone box on the A496 For Pwllheli Bus stop on the opposite side of the road on the A496

Station	Pick Up point info to be used.
Pensarn	Wait at bus stops A496 near station access road.
Llandanwg	For Pwllheli Bus stop at the junction of Llandanwg Road the A496. For Machynlleth use Bus stop opposite the junction of Llandanwg Road on the A496
Harlech	For Machynlleth use Bus stop next to The Queens Hotel on the A496 For Pwllheli use Bus stop on the opposite side of the road on the A496
Tygwyn	Wait at the station entrance on the A496 adjacent to the level crossing
Talsarnau	For Machynlleth use Bus stop outside the Estuary Lodge on the high street For Pwllheli use Bus stop on opposite side of the road on the high street
Llandecwyn	Bus stop outside the white house on the A496 for Machynlleth Bus stop on the opposite side of the road on the A496 just before the junction for Pwllheli
Penrhyndeudraeth	Wait in the station car park
Minffordd	For Machynlleth use Bus stop outside the station. For Pwllheli use Bus stop on the opposite side of the road.
Porthmadog	Wait in the station car park adjacent to the level crossing
Criccieth	For Machynlleth use Bus stop outside the Library. For Pwllheli use Bus stop opposite side of the road
Penychain	Wait at the bus stops on the A497 close to the Holiday Camp entrance
Abererch	Wait on access lane adjacent to level crossing
Pwllheli	On the main road alongside station entrance



# Traffic Management and Road Closures

During the possession Network Rail will be conducting work on Pant Eidal. This will involve traffic management and a road closure on the A493 - this is the main route that all of our rail replacement services (RRS) operates via and thus we will be amending the RRS plan to reflect the impact – timetables for these periods will be issued closer to the time.

- During the traffic management period (traffic lights on the route) – planned between from Monday 4 October to Friday 22 October\* – an extra 5 minutes will be added to the bus running times.
- During the road closure – planned between Sunday 10 October to Wednesday 13 October\* – Due to the diversionary route our core RRS will no longer call at Penhelig and Aberdovey and instead these station will be served by a minibus shuttle that will connect into and out of the core RRS at Tywyn.

*\*Pending final confirmation of dates.*



# Monitoring and Support

We will be closely monitoring this operation via ARRs 24/7 control room and any issues identified (Capacity, routing issues etc) will be reviewed and corrective action taken to mitigate.

- Alongside the Coordination staff deployed TFW Rail and ARR management staff will be on site in the opening days of the plan and throughout to ensure that it is operating as planned.
- For any queries please contact the road transport team via [road.transport@tfwrail.wales](mailto:road.transport@tfwrail.wales)
- A review session (via teams) will be arranged during the first two weeks of the plan as a forum for review and feedback from the opening period of the plan and for us to agree any changes/amendments that maybe needed.



**Thank you!**

