

## The Transpennine Route Upgrade & Project West 3

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### Abstract

The Transpennine Route Upgrade (TRU) is a major railway infrastructure project located in the North of England, which is part of the UK Governments levelling up agenda, improving connectivity between main Northern economic centres. The TRU Project between Huddersfield and Dewsbury is the key intervention which unlocks capacity, journey time and reliability objectives along the route.

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### 1 Introduction

This paper provides a brief introduction and overview of the Transpennine Route Upgrade (TRU) programme, and more specifically the large-scale intervention being undertaken between Huddersfield and Westtown (Dewsbury), otherwise known as TRU Project W3 (West 3). For further information and current progress news refer to Network Rail's dedicated website [1]

This introduces following papers, which describe some of the key civil engineering interventions being delivered as part of the W3 Project.

### 2 TRU Scheme Overview

TRU is a multi-billion-pound, transformative, long-term railway infrastructure programme that will improve connectivity in the North, principally West-East, between the major economic centres of the Northwest (Liverpool & Manchester) and Yorkshire-Humber (Leeds, York & Hull).

The core TRU programme covers 122km (70 miles) of existing route between York and Manchester, but also covers significant diversionary route upgrades to facilitate construction and future operational resilience.

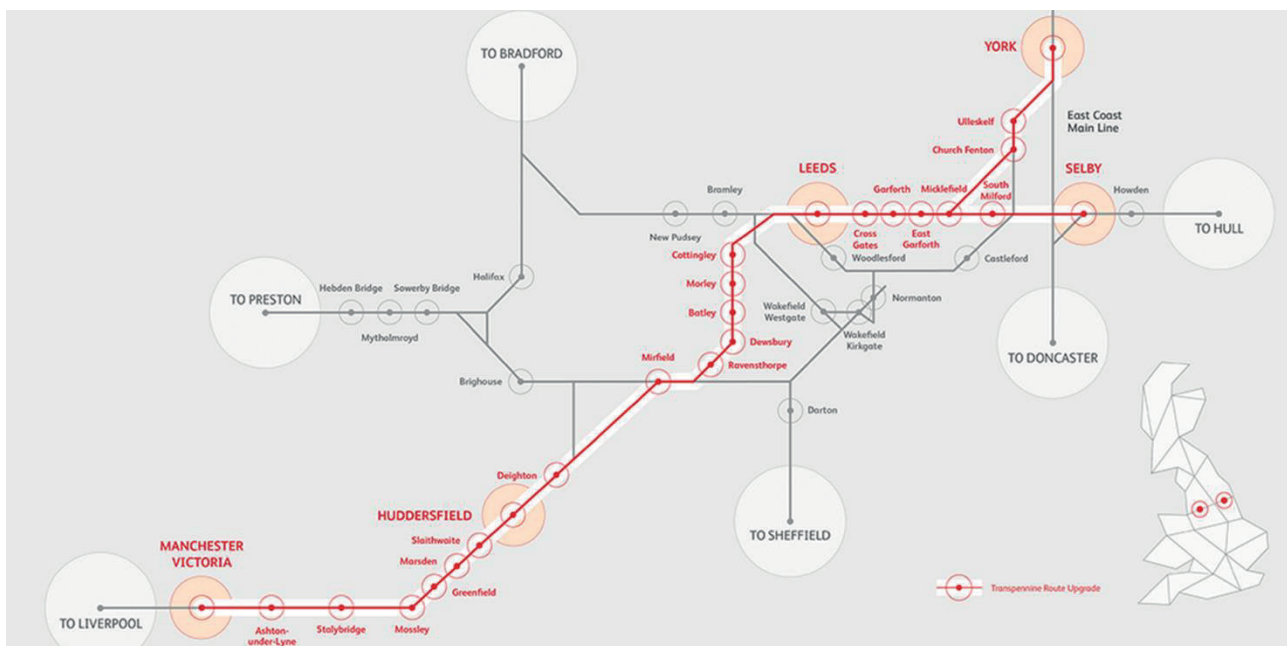


Figure 1, TRU Location & Route Map