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ETCS Deployment Strategy





GB approach to ETCS is to deploy at point of signalling renewal - only way to sustainably and affordably deal with future signalling renewal requirement



NetworkRail Great Britain's ETCS Deployment Journey 2007-2011 The Pilot - Foundational technical development - Cambrian Line Projects Building on Pilot- Heathrow & Thameslink Lines began operation 2018 **National Specification Development** – Development of generic application specifications 2011-2022 **National Facility Development** – Development of test laboratory & test track 2011-2022 **The Pathfinder** – Delivery and commercial model development – *Northern City Line* 2020-2024

The Pioneer – To migrate tens of organisations to operate with digital signalling -*ECDP* 2018-2028

The Portfolio – Building the industry capability & delivering multiple route deployment 2024-

GB Current ETCS

As of 2023, ETCS areas completed and/ or underway includes:

- Cambrian Line (Complete)
- London Thameslink (Complete)
- Heathrow Tunnels (Complete)
- East Coast Digital Programme (including the Northern City Line)
- TransPennine Route Upgrade

Each of these have, and continue to, develop the UKs approach to what is the largest industry-change programme in a generation.





System Requirements and Integration GB Generic Requirements Suite -Network Rail

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NetworkRail ETCS National Integration Facility (ENIF)



Hertford North

Hertford Loop



Multi–Route Strategy

2024 will see the beginning of Network Rail's Control Period 7 (CP7).

NR's strategic plan for CP7 includes the development of ETCS projects across 3 arterial routes.

- West Coast Mainline (North)
- Midland Mainline
- Brighton Mainline

The initial fitments of rolling stock and operational readiness on each route will enable a progressive line of route rollout over coming years.

This will be complemented by the continuation of ECDP & TRU programmes initiated in CP6



Rolling Stock

We are building knowledge and expertise in ETCS onboard fitment through retro-fitment and baseline upgrades being progressed across multiple suppliers' fleets as part of ECDP

Currently only around 4% of GB fleets operate in ETCS. Remaining unfitted fleets will be fitted in line with the planned deployment sequence. For new fleet procurement, ETCS fitment should be considered by default. We are also undertaking pathfinder ETCS fitments on heritage vehicles



In CP7 NR will :

- continue retro fitment / upgrade of passenger vehicles in line with planned trackside schemes
- continue the required networklevel fleet fitment for freight, heritage & charter vehicles and on-track machines





Long-Term

The long-term strategy for England & Wales is to deploy ETCS as the default signalling technology at the point the existing assets require renewal.

The migration will favour line-of-route deployment where this aligns with renewal, to make best use of fitment and business readiness and to minimise multiple transitions over the course of a train journey.



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