

April 2023

Dear Railway Neighbour,

SOUTH WALES METRO – TAFF’S WELL STATION WORK

We are continuing to deliver our work in Taff’s Well for the delivery of our Metro service and will continue to provide you with updates on our progress and upcoming work at both the depot, control centre and Station. We would like to thank you for your continued patience as we carry out these transformational works in Taff’s Well and want to provide you with information on the upcoming work at Taff’s Well Station to begin the installation of the new Access for All bridge.

Installing a new Access For All footbridge at Taff’s Well Station

We will shortly begin preparatory work to install a new Access For All bridge at Taff’s Well station with lift and step access to each platform. This new bridge will greatly improve the accessibility at the station, as well as level boarding improvements from platform to train with the introduction of the new tram-trains.

We need to install the foundations for the bridge using heavy machinery which, when installing the piles into the ground, makes a lot of noise. We plan to complete this work during **daytime hours only** and will do our best to reduce the impact it will have on people living near the station.

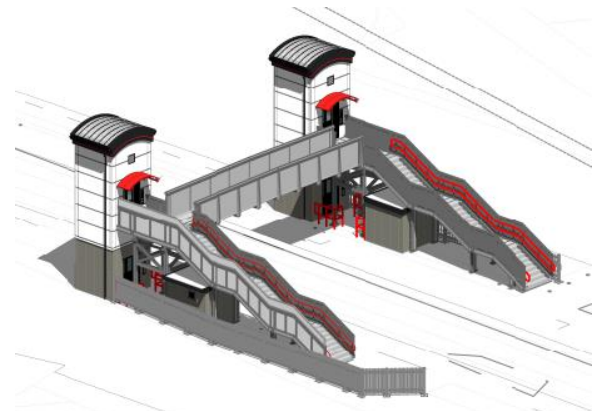
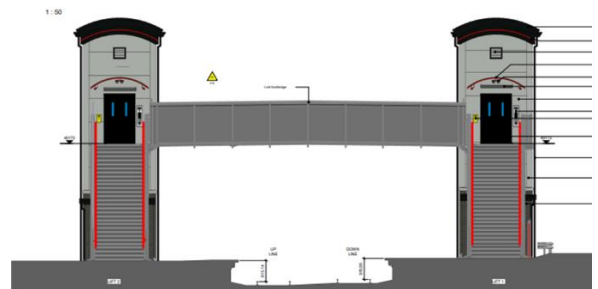
Upcoming work dates

We endeavour to complete the majority of work to create the foundations for the new Access for All bridge during daytime shifts only, from 08:00 to 18:00.

We will begin the enabling works in preparation to create the foundations for the bridge during midweek daytime shifts from **Monday 10 April to Friday 14 April**. These works will include erecting temporary hoarding around the work site, drainage works in the station car park and the installation of a piling platform on the car park side of the station.

From **Monday 17 to Friday 21 April**, we will be carrying out piling works to create the foundations for the bridge on the ‘down’ platform, located nearest to the station car park.

There are several different methods of piling, of which we will be utilising bored piles, which will be drilled into the ground. Whilst this work can be particularly noisy, utilising this method of piling is less disruptive than other methods, such as sheet piling where the piles are vibrated or driven into the ground. Piling can be a noisy job as it involves heavy machinery, with noise levels depending on the distance from the piling location and local topography however, all piling works at the station will be carried out during daytime shifts to minimise disruption. We’ll make every effort to minimise unnecessary noise and complete each pile as quickly as possible.



Example of an Access for All bridge similar to that being installed at Taff’s Well station

Following this, the railway line will be closed during weekdays over three weeks on the following dates;

- **Tuesday 25 to Friday 28 April**
- **Monday 01 to Friday 05 May**
- **Monday 08 to Friday 12 May.**

The team will work during the daytime only throughout this period, during which time they will be carrying out ducting work on the down platform, nearest to the station car park, to re-route all platform services over the new bridge and to provide power for the lifts.

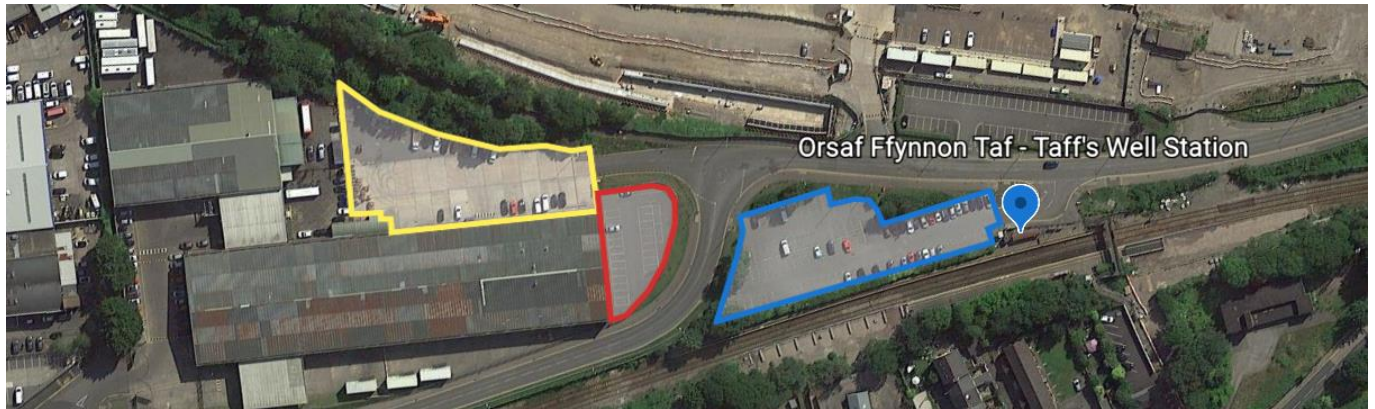
From **Tuesday 25 April to Friday 28 April**, we will be carrying out piling works to create the foundations for the bridge on the 'Up' platform, the side closet to properties. To allow us to move the piling equipment from the compound site in the station car park onto the tracks, we will be installing a temporary Cordek bridge that will span across the two tracks. We will also be carrying out platform fencing works on both platforms and ducting work on the down platform during this time.

From **Monday 15 to Friday 19 May**, we will continue work to create the foundation on the down platform, on the car park side of the station. The railway line will be open during this time. The foundation work will continue during midweek day shifts from **Monday 22 to Friday 26 May**, and from **Monday 29 May to Friday 02 June**. We will also carry out platform ducting works on the 'up' platform during this time.

Breakdown of upcoming station work:

Start date	End date	Work taking place during this time
Monday 10 April	Friday 14 April	Preparatory enabling works
Monday 17 April	Friday 21 April	Piling works on the down platform, on the station car park side
Tuesday 25 April	Friday 28 April	Piling works on the up platform, on the side closest to properties
Monday 01 May	Friday 05 May	Ducting work on the down platform to re-route services and fencing work.
Monday 08 May	Friday 12 May	
Monday 15 May	Friday 19 May	Foundation works on the down platform.
Monday 22 May	Friday 26 May	Foundation works on the down platform and platform ducting works on the up platform.
Monday 29 May	Friday 02 June	

Station and station footbridge access



To allow us to install the new footbridge, there will be some changes to car parking at Taff's Well station. From **Monday 17th April** the current station car park, shown in blue above, will be closed whilst we construct the new bridge and upgrade parking facilities. During this period, alternative parking (80 spaces) will be available in the station overflow facility, shown in yellow, situated next to the Amey Rail warehouse opposite the station. Please note that the area highlighted in red is restricted to staff parking only.

The existing station footbridge will remain in place and will be open to use whilst the new bridge is constructed.

Community drop-in's

Our next community drop-in is in **Ty Rhiw Community Centre on 19 April 2023, from 4pm – 7pm**. Please do come and see us if you have any questions about the upcoming work.

We will also be holding a session on **17 May 2023 in Taff's Well Village Hall from 10am – 1pm**.

More Information

The amount of work we have to do means it won't be possible to write to you every time we're in your area. However, alongside our partners, we'll aim to work responsibly, ensuring our sites are well managed and that our people are considerate to our neighbours.

Our team is available 24/7 to answer your questions, so please call us on 033 33 211 202. Alternatively, you may contact us via WhatsApp on 07790 952507 (0700-2000 on Monday to Friday, 0800-2000 on Saturday, and 1100-2000 on Sunday).

If you seek more information or would like the information presented in a different format, please visit tfw.wales/contact-us. You can learn more about our vision for the South Wales Metro by visiting tfw.wales/projects/south-wales-metro, and about our work to build the Metro at tfw.wales/projects/metro/building-our-metro.

We'd like to thank you for your patience as we carry out this essential work.

Yours faithfully,
The Community Engagement Team at Transport for Wales