

Labour's Plan for the UK's Railways: Delivering for Passengers with Great British Railways

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The Labour Party in the United Kingdom has outlined its manifesto for renationalising the railways should it come into power after the next General Election.

This potential major project proposes a unified and simplified governance structure for the railways, placing passengers at the forefront. It advocates for bringing train operators under public ownership and control.

Britain's railways are an iconic part of the country's heritage, enabling travel, connection, and economic opportunity for centuries. However, Labour recognises the current frustrations passengers face.

Public ownership is seen as a practical solution to improve services where they have fallen short. Labour points to instances where even the Conservative government has brought franchises into public ownership, such as TransPennine Express. Additionally, they reference the public ownership of infrastructure established by the last Labour Government after the collapse of Railtrack.

To achieve high service standards, a new body, Great British Railways, will be established. Led by rail professionals, it will be responsible for day-to-day operations, ensuring infrastructure and services work together, and driving innovation for passengers and freight users.

Labour's plan aims to improve the railways for both passengers and taxpayers. It envisions a decade of growth, innovation, and service improvements, with the railways playing a vital role in Britain's national renewal.

[You can read the plan in full, here.](#)