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Dear Stakeholder,

I am writing to advise you that we are going to be carrying out a major project to replace the busy Metro track junction at Pelaw in Gateshead, ensuring it can carry Metro services for many years to come.

We need to completely replace this key intersection which is one of the busiest on the Metro system, carrying 400 Metro trains per day.

This multi-million pound scheme south of the River Tyne will involve buses replacing trains through Gateshead, South Tyneside and Sunderland from Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November.

It is part of the £43m Nexus is investing in Metro infrastructure modernisation schemes this year, helping to future proof the service for many years to come.

We are carrying out the planned closure during the schools' half term break to minimise the level of disruption. We will also be delivering other important works during the five days, including track drainage work, cable repairs and track tamping.

The closure areas are significant. For five consecutive days buses will replace trains between Gateshead Stadium and South Shields, and between Gateshead Stadium and South Hylton.

This means that the Metro lines through South Tyneside down to South Shields, and through Sunderland down to South Hylton will be closed to Metro services from 28 October to 1 November. Frequent replacement bus services will be running instead.

The lines will re-open to Metro services on Saturday 2 November.

We're sorry for the inconvenience this may cause to our customers and we urge them to plan ahead and allow extra time to travel during the five day closure.

If you would like to know anything more about this vital renewal project then please don't hesitate to contact me.

Cathy Massarella

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Managing Director
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