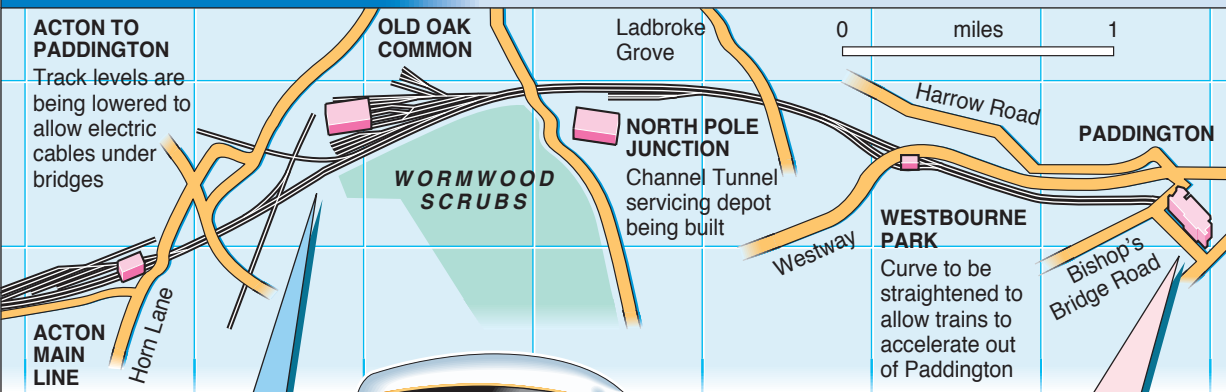


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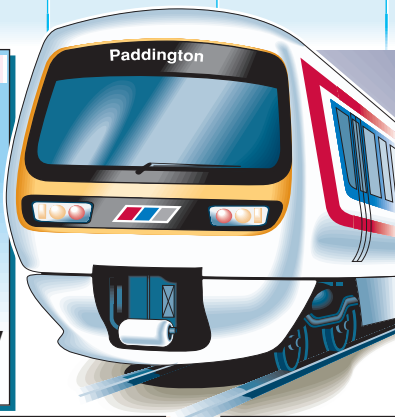
The Great Western Railway has given a new name – God's Word Railway – by disgruntled commuters fed up with delays. The problems have been caused by British Rail's £57 million engineering project in which tracks and the signalling system are being totally replaced



New signalling system

Outmoded signal box at Old Oak Common being replaced by a computerised system controlled from Slough

October 1992: Contractors cut through main cable shorting out signals between Paddington and Ealing Broadway for 4 hours delaying over 200 trains

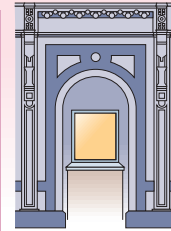
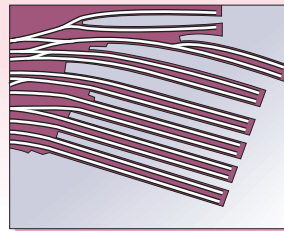


New electric trains

Thames Line: Six-car Network Turbo trains will carry 570 passengers at 90mph. Screens will give commuters information on destinations and calling points. **CrossRail:** Turbo trains will use new tunnel to cross from east to west London in 11 minutes
Heathrow Express: Paddington to Heathrow in 16 minutes

Paddington: Major engineering work

Existing four one-directional tracks to be replaced with six tracks that can be used in either direction. 60,000 passengers use Paddington's 14 platforms daily. **Disruption caused by closure of six platforms to enable replacement of two northern tracks. More closures to follow**



Completion of refurbishment to Brunel roof costing £4 million
 New computerised ticket hall and information centre costing £1.5 million