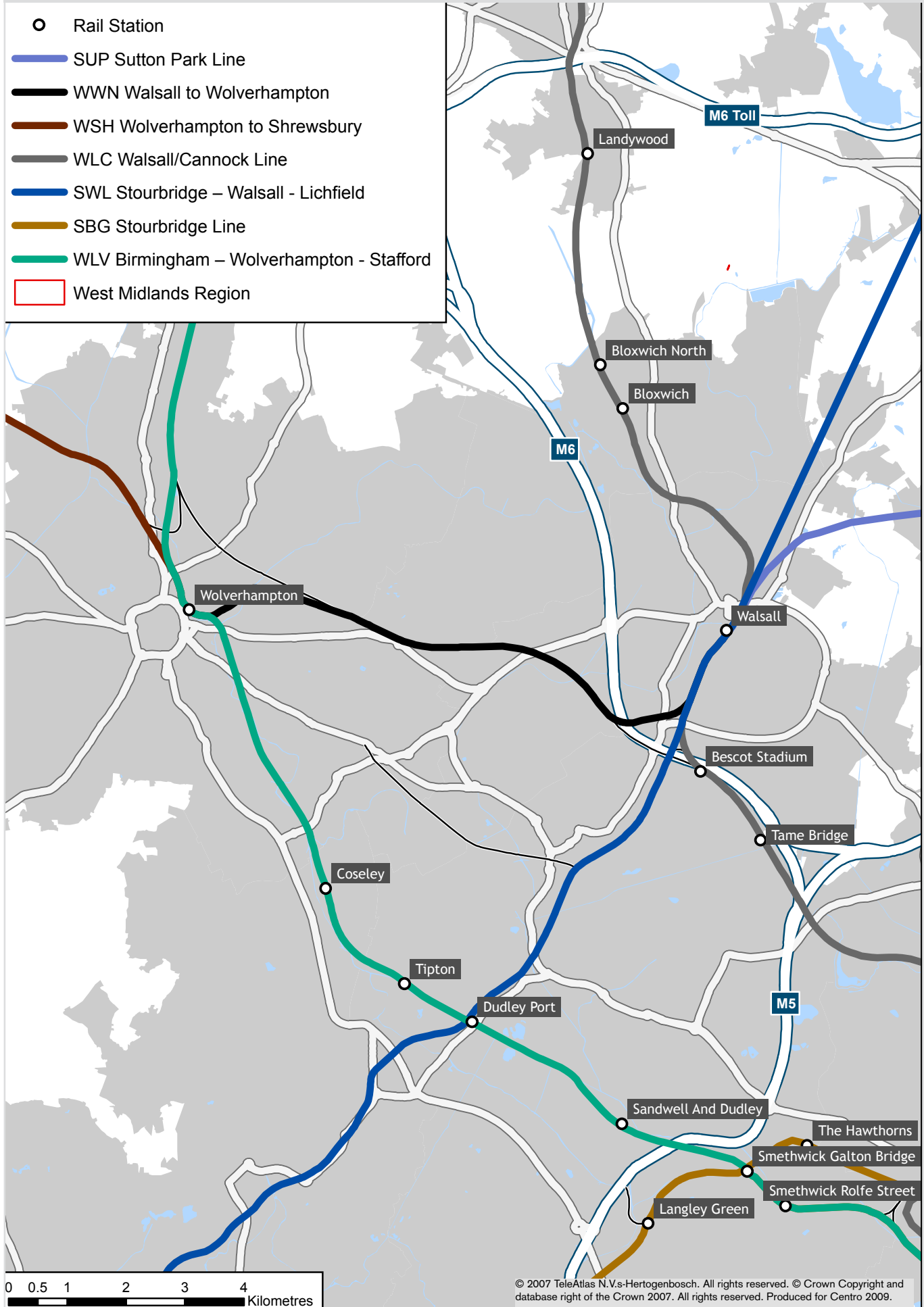


# WVN Walsall to Wolverhampton

## Route Map

- Rail Station
- SUP Sutton Park Line
- WVN Walsall to Wolverhampton
- WSH Wolverhampton to Shrewsbury
- WLC Walsall/Cannock Line
- SWL Stourbridge – Walsall - Lichfield
- SBG Stourbridge Line
- WLV Birmingham – Wolverhampton - Stafford
- West Midlands Region



## Route Description

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A passenger service was introduced between Walsall and Wolverhampton in 1998, and from 2005 operated as an hourly shuttle service. However, usage has been low and the service was withdrawn in December 2008 by the Department for Transport, to enable redeployment of the vehicle. Centro is committed to reinstating this key service to assist connectivity between these large centres.

The route is also used by the Wrexham, Shropshire and Marylebone service, and for freight and diversionary purposes. Current terminal capacity is heavily used, but the connecting route remains relatively uncongested.

### Key Growth Drivers

- » Major regeneration initiatives in Walsall town centre
- » Regeneration initiatives along route, e.g. in Willenhall and Darlaston
- » Major regeneration in Wolverhampton City Centre and around the bus/rail station (Wolverhampton Interchange project)
- » Serious road congestion between Walsall and Wolverhampton, especially at M6 Junction 10

### Current Constraints

- » No local passenger service over the route
- » More frequent service difficult to handle at Wolverhampton station
- » Rolling stock and funding availability
- » No stations to serve intermediate markets
- » Walsall has a population of 250,000 but no direct link to any other nationally significant town or city except Birmingham
- » Lack of quick and reliable public transport or road alternative

## Schemes By Control Period

2009-2014 (Control Period 4)	2014-2019 (Control Period 5)
<p><b>Infrastructure:</b></p> <p><b>Walsall area re-signalling and track layout improvements IN52</b></p> <p>Extend Wolverhampton (Platform 5) to accommodate longer trains IN64</p>	<p><b>Infrastructure:</b></p> <p>Tram/train operation IN61</p> <p>New bay platform at Wolverhampton on site of existing signal box IN62</p> <p>Wolverhampton area resignalling IN60</p> <p>New crossover(s) to increase operational flexibility at Wolverhampton IN65</p>
<p><b>Stations:</b></p> <p><b>Wolverhampton Interchange project ST106</b></p> <p>New station at Willenhall ST107</p>	<p><b>Stations:</b></p> <p>New stations at Darlaston and other locations ST108</p> <p>New through platform at Walsall ST102</p>
<p><b>Services:</b></p> <p>Reinstate service with improved frequency SV64</p> <p>Link service with Walsall – Birmingham service to create new through links SV65</p>	<p><b>Services:</b></p> <p>Review service patterns and frequencies in light of potential for tram/train SV66</p>
<p><b>Freight:</b></p>	<p><b>Freight:</b></p>
<p><b>Other Potential Schemes:</b></p> <p>Tram/train linkages into wider network IN63</p> <p>Platform extensions at Walsall to 7 / 8 carriages ST109</p> <p>New service structure and frequency in conjunction further tram/train developments SV67</p>	

**Schemes highlighted in bold have funding identified**

