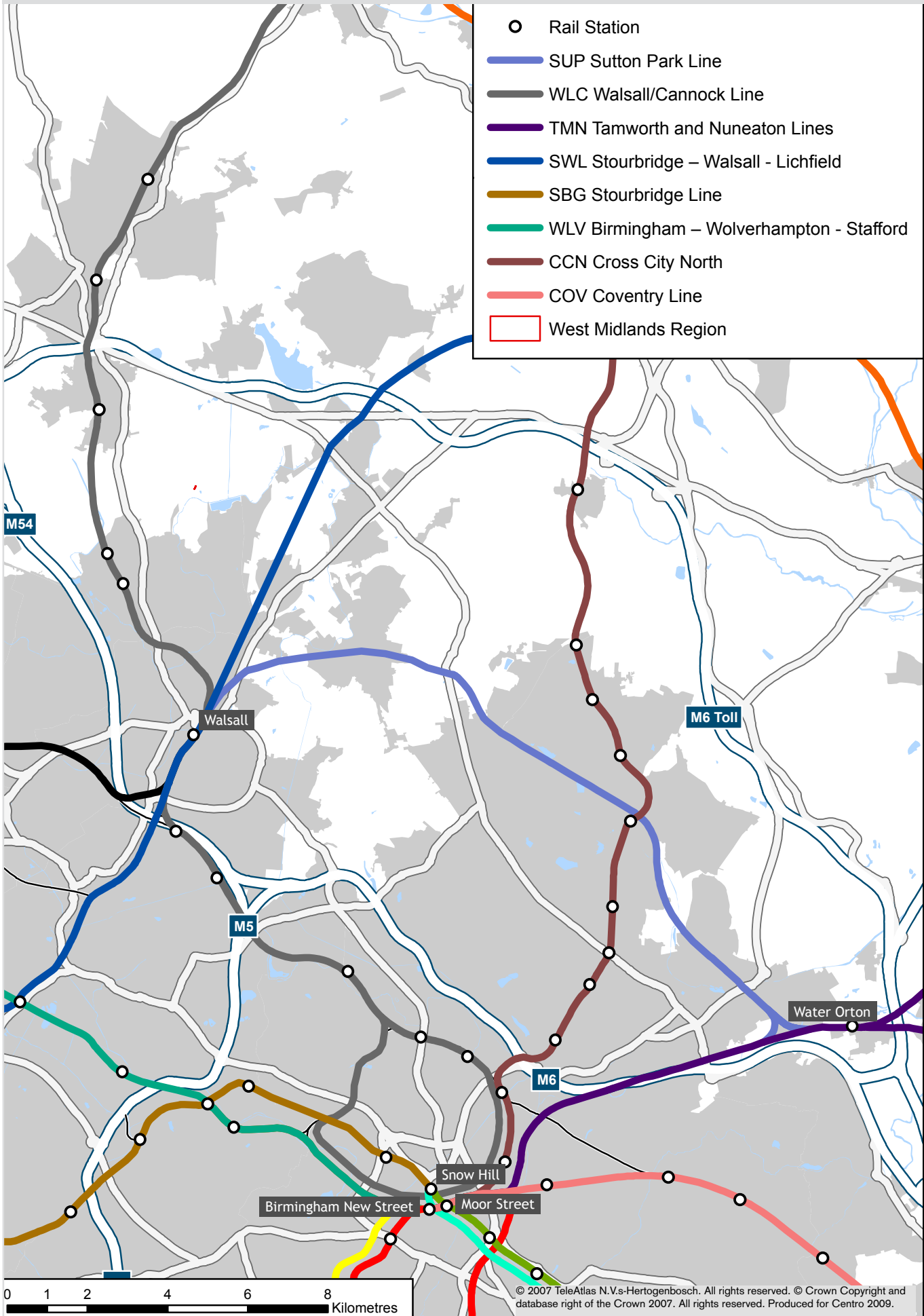


SUP Sutton Park Line (Walsall – Aldridge – Sutton Coldfield - Castle Bromwich)

Route Map



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This 13 mile double track route between Castle Bromwich and Walsall provides an important freight artery through the West Midlands avoiding the congested New Street area. The route passes through Aldridge, Streetly, Sutton Coldfield and Walmley, but has not provided a passenger service since 1965.

Key Growth Drivers

- » Freight growth
- » Traffic congestion in the A454 / A47 corridor
- » Birmingham City Centre growth
- » Minworth/Walmley area regeneration
- » Redevelopment of Sutton Coldfield Town Centre
- » Major regeneration initiatives in Walsall town centre

Current Constraints

- » Low line capacity due to long signalling headways
- » Single track chord lines at Castle Bromwich
- » Poor connectivity between Aldridge, Streetly, Walmley and Birmingham
- » Poor connectivity between Walsall and Sutton Coldfield
- » There is no passenger service over the route

Schemes By Control Period

2009-2014 (Control Period 4)	2014-2019 (Control Period 5)
<p>Infrastructure:</p> <p>Sutton Park W10 gauge clearance IN75</p> <p>Water Orton corridor re-signalling (covers much of Sutton Park line) IN40</p> <p>Walsall area resignalling and track layout improvements IN52</p> <p>Reduction in headways improving line capacity IN76</p> <p>Relocation of Aldridge crossover as part of Walsall re-signalling scheme to create passive provision for potential station IN77</p>	<p>Infrastructure:</p> <p>Electrification in conjunction with Nuneaton to Proof House scheme IN44</p>
<p>Stations:</p> <p>Business case for new stations on route submitted ST138</p>	<p>Stations:</p> <p>New station at Aldridge ST139</p> <p>New stations at Minworth, Sutton Coldfield, Walmley and Streetly ST140</p> <p>New through platform at Walsall ST102</p>
<p>Services:</p> <p>Proposal for new service submitted</p>	<p>Services:</p> <p>Introduction of Aldridge – Walsall – Birmingham service SV89</p> <p>Introduction of passenger service along whole route SV90</p>
<p>Freight:</p> <p>Sutton Park W10 gauge clearance IN75</p> <p>Extra freight services along route SV88</p>	<p>Freight:</p>
<p>Other Potential Schemes:</p> <p>Capacity enhancements at Castle Bromwich Junction to double single track section IN78</p> <p>New chord line at Ryecroft Jn to directly link route to Cannock without requiring reversal IN79</p>	

Schemes highlighted in bold have funding identified

