



"Lean" in the Delivery of Major Railway Construction Works

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...my background

Chartered Civil Engineer 2002

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The Railway Industry

RULE NUMBER 1 – You do NOT delay the Train Timetable

- Access
 - Typically 33hrs/weekend on 2 lines
 - Intermittent mid-week access (7hrs)
 - MAJOR works confined to Bank Holidays, Easter & Christmas









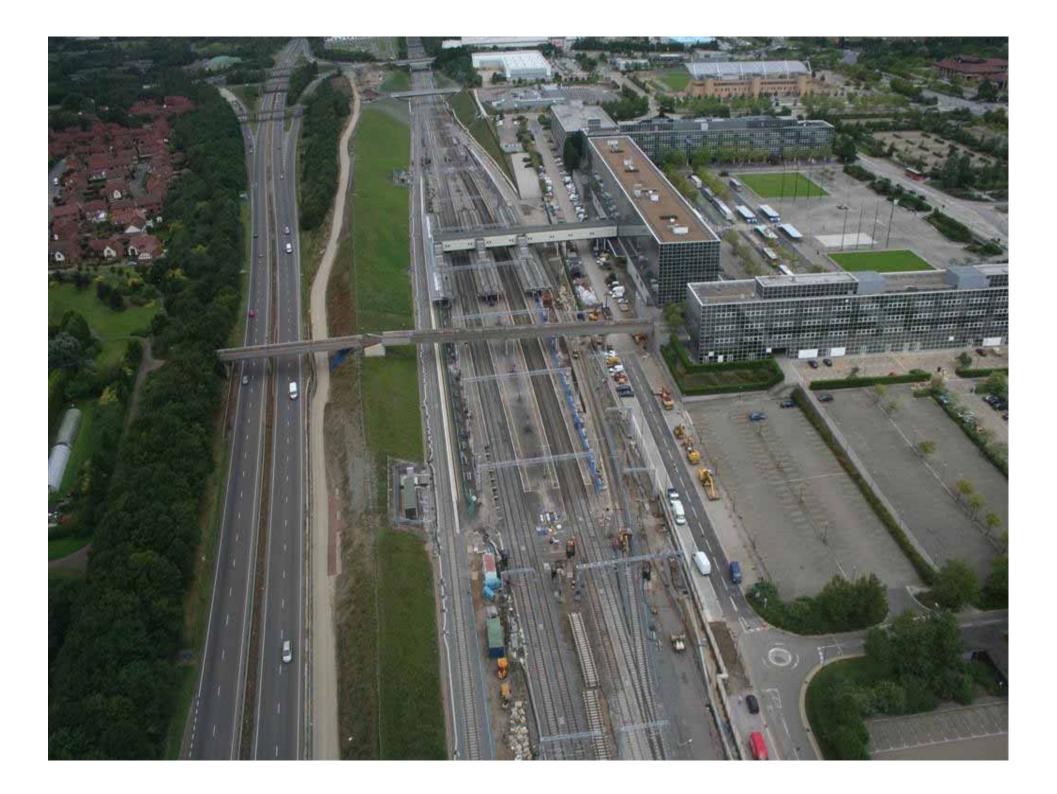




REAL LIFE Examples

- The Planning Process
 - The Readiness Reviews, Risk Reviews...
 - Easter 2008
- Getting on track
- Switches & Crossings









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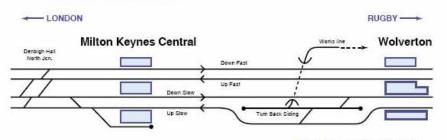
Scheme as per SRA Strategy and ORR settlement

- Life expired signalling and P-way renewals.
- 12-car platform extensions.
- New 60mph Bletchley South junction.
- Bedford line connection simplification and new independent platform.
- Wolverton centre turn-back facility.
- Existing Milton Keynes re-signalled.
- All works to be completed by December 2008.

Current Scheme

- Scope increased in line with the additional Milton Keynes functional drivers.
- All SRA scope covered except Wolverton centre turn-back facility which is superseded by Milton Keynes remodelling.
- Signalling resource focus on Milton Keynes for December 2008 completion.

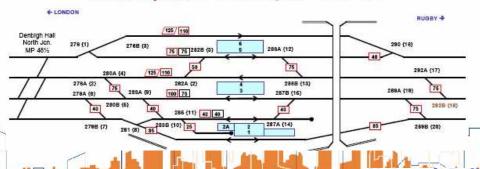
Existing layout Milton Keynes & Wolverton



No work proposed at Wolverton

Key 2007/0 Stage 0 De-Veg, Construction of Haul Road Jun-07 Achieved Install 280pts, Demolition OB166 Achieved Stage 1 Xmas-07 Ballast Prep, Bulk Earthworks Stage 2 Jan-08 Achieved \mathscr{L} Stage 3 Gantry Erection, Replace OB166 Easter-08 Achieved Ø Install 289pts, Ballast renewals May-08 Stage 4 Achieved \mathscr{L} Install 292pts, OLE Southern Boosters Jun-08 Achieved Stage 5 Ø Install 290pts, complete Platform 6 Jun-08 Stage 6 Achieved Stage 7 Opening of new Down Fast Jun-08 Achieved Install 282pts & 286pts, build new Platform 1Aug-08 Stage 8 Achieved \mathscr{L} Install 279pts & 283pts, Open Bay Platform 1Aug-08 Stage 9 Achieved Install 287pts, complete major OLE works pkSep-08 Stage 10 On Target Install 276pts, complete Platfrom 2A Oct-08 On Target Stage 11 Stage 12 Install 281pts Nov-08 On Target Stage 13 Complete new track alignment to Platforms 12e2-08 On Target Stage 14 Final Commissioning 29-Dec-08 On Target

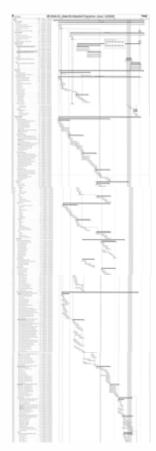
Final layout Milton Keynes Central





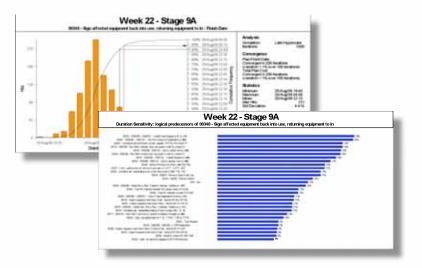


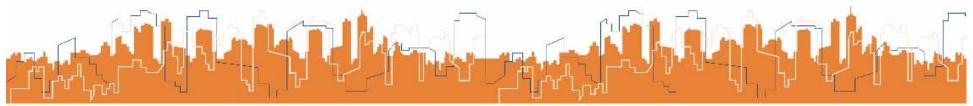




The Planning Process

- 1. T-8, T-6, T-4, T-2, T-1
- 2. Scope, Clashes, Resources, Critical Issues etc
- 3. Risk









Key Lessons

- 1. You can't spend enough time planning
- 2. It takes discipline to apply the rigour
- It's useless unless EVERYBODY is briefed on the plan









Getting on Track

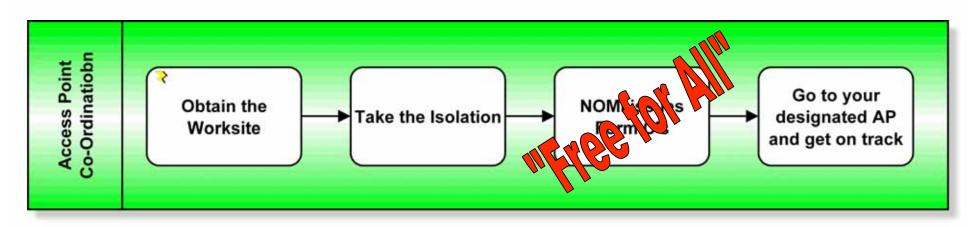


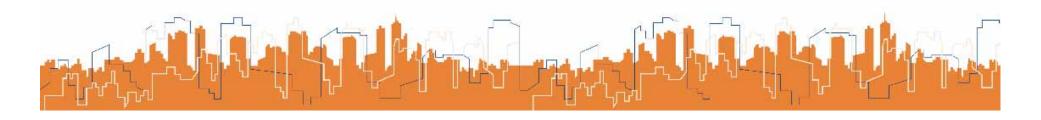




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Getting on Track

- 1. The problem was a real headache
- 2. ...but we had to 'decide' to fix it...
- 3. The fix was REALLY simple
- 4. It wasn't data driven, it was about FLOW and not wasting time...







Switches & Crossings



8 Basic Process Steps

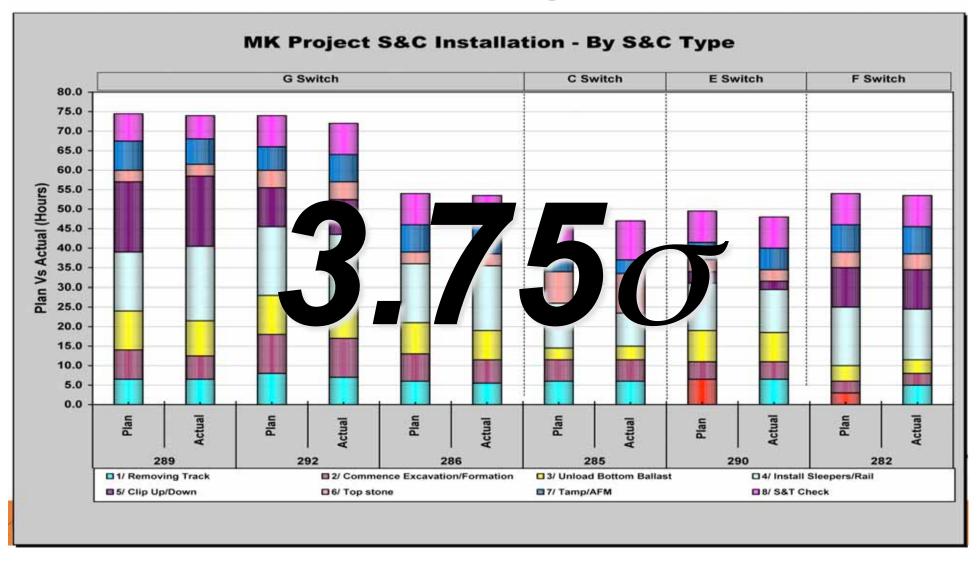
- 1. Remove the track
- 2. Dig to formation level
- 3. Lay Bottom ballast
- 4. Lay the new panels
- 5. Clip everything up
- 6. Lay Top ballast
- 7. Tamp the layout for line & level
- 8. Weld / S&T connections







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Switches & Crossings

- Critical Path for the Project
- 2. Logistically VERY challenging
- 3. No room for mistakes
- 4. The 'LEAN' approach works...
- 5. This weekend is our last installation, so wish us good luck!!









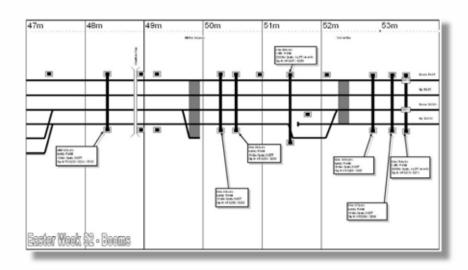


Questions?



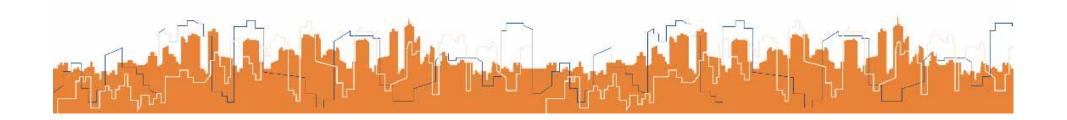






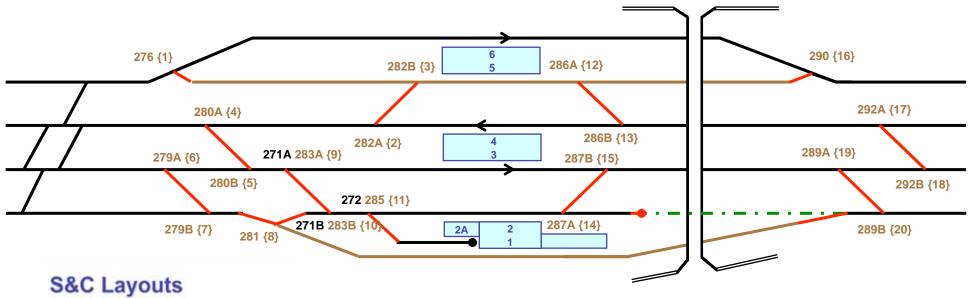
Key Decisions

- 1. Work in 1 sequence (Nth 2 Sth)
- 2. Separate teams
 - 1. Erection team
 - 2. Materials Delivery team
- 3. Get components as close as pos.
- 4. Align shift patterns
- 5. Control Room









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- 2. 285 8. 279
- 3. 283 289 9.
- 4. 287 292 10.
- 5. 11. 276 290
- 6. 12. 282 281