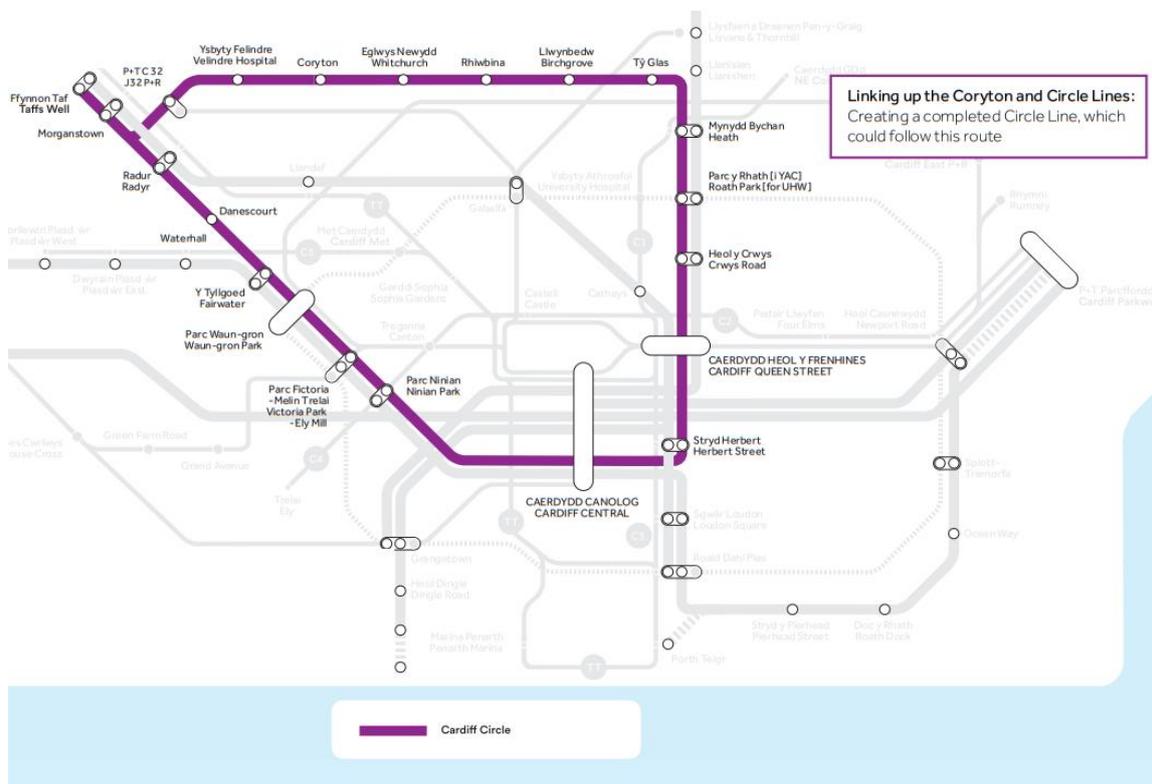


TRANSPORT FOR WALES

MORGANSTOWN HALT

The South Wales Metro will be the biggest upgrade to public transport in South East Wales for a generation. This integrated transport system of trains, tram trains, buses, walking, and cycling will provide a modern service of which Wales can be proud. The first phase of Metro includes the upgrade of railway lines across South-East Wales and the Core Valley Lines, alongside station upgrades to facilitate level boarding and to prepare for the introduction of the brand-new rolling stock and increase in the frequency of services.

The addition of a halt station in Morganstown was originally investigated during the initial 2013 Cardiff Metro study and proposed in Cardiff Council’s White Transport Paper. It was included as a proposed station to serve a new connection to the extension of the Coryton Line, known as the ‘Circle Line’ which would loop the Coryton line around to the City Line. Other new stations proposed in this plan included a station serving Vellindre Hospital and Roath Park. The addition of a half station in Morganstown was not investigated as a separate additional station to the existing line through Radyr and was only proposed as part of the Circle Line plans.



Taken from the Cardiff Council Transport White Paper, showing the Cardiff Circle tram-train line which aimed to link up the Coryton and City Line.

Following this, the extension of the Coryton line and creation of the Circle Line was not included in the first phase of the Metro project and therefore, a halt station at Morganstown was not included as part of the first phase of transformation work. Since this decision, no business case or detailed operational analysis has been put forward to justify the provision of a station at this location.

Currently, TfW has no plans for a new station at or in the vicinity of Morganstown, or between Taff's Well and Morganstown. The addition of a new station at this location would increase journey times for all services running from the Core Valley Lines into Cardiff via Radyr and Llandaff. Longer sections of double track would also be required to facilitate extra stations, to allow trains to pass each other. This would result in significant infrastructure work. There is also significant cost required to construct a new station and no funding has been allocated to deliver this addition to the metro project.

Despite this, the first phase of Metro will bring benefits to residents of Morganstown, with an increase in services on the line from 6 trains per hour travelling into Cardiff, to 12 trains per hour. This is a service approximately every 4 minutes into Cardiff and up to Pontypridd. All services will be made on brand-new tram trains, providing more reliable, frequent, and cleaner services due to the electrification of the network. Whilst the nearest stations to Morganstown are Taff's Well or Radyr Station, following the completion of the transformation work, Metro aims to improve public transport by introducing new transport links with improved bus services and active travel corridors. This work would aim to improve the connectivity between Morganstown and its adjacent railway stations.

We have also recently opened the new ramped footbridge at Gelynis farm, as a replacement for the Gelynis level crossing. This marks an important step in improving the safety of the South-East Wales network, by closing the 2nd most dangerous crossing in Wales and diverting users onto a new footbridge. This ensures that local people can still make use of the farmlands and walking trails in the area.

Whilst a halt station is not in current plans for TfW, you may wish to raise this request with members of the Senedd and Welsh Government, alongside Cardiff Council, who may be able to support the creation of a business case for new infrastructure at this location.

Further information on Cardiff Council's Transport White Paper can be found here - [Transport White Paper \(cardiff.gov.uk\)](https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/transport-white-paper)

More information about the current phase of the South Wales Metro can be found here - [South Wales Metro | Transport for Wales \(tfw.wales\)](https://www.tfw.wales/south-wales-metro)