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Improvements to pedestrian routes around Epsom, Ewell West and Stoneleigh stations will be taking place over coming weeks thanks to a grant awarded to Epsom & Ewell Borough Council from South Western Railway's Customer and Communities Improvement Fund.

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council successfully secured the grant through a highly competitive bid process that saw over £14m of applications for the £5.5m fund available for the whole South West Railway network. The Council's award is available to improve the routes to and from the stations, enhancing the public realm, and making areas safer through enhanced lighting and route-finding. We have worked with local partners to allocate funds to key measures that will make a real difference to local communities and everyone using the stations.

The project has already commenced in Epsom Town Centre with festoon lighting introduced along Station Way, the access route between the marketplace and Epsom station. Additional measures are being planned, including new planters that will be placed around the borough's stations adding seasonal colour and making the areas more attractive and enhancing local wayfinding signage.

Councillor Colin Keane said: "We are delighted that South Western Railway have provided this funding, which will enable us to significantly enhance the visual, physical and pedestrian links between Epsom, Ewell West and Stoneleigh stations and their respective retail centres".

Mark Youngman, CCIF Project Manager at South Western Railway said: "Here at South Western Railway, we recognise the vital role that rail plays in the local as well as the national economy, and our Customer and Communities Improvement Fund is designed to give an economic boost to the villages, towns and cities that we serve. We are delighted to have been able to support Epsom and Ewell District Council with their imaginative scheme, which enhances the links between our rail services and Epsom, Ewell and Stoneleigh centres".

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