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All Change at St Gallen

Photos by Christian Amman



As readers of *Swiss Express* are aware from reports in Swiss News, major works are taking place outside St Gallen Bahnhof to upgrade the link between the former Trogener Bahn (TB) and the AB line out to Appenzell. The TB is now part of the Appenzeller Bahnen Group and this new link will enable through running to take place once the existing rack section of the AB, which climbs at 10% (1:10) out of the city centre to Riethüsli, is eliminated. Construction work has now commenced on a

tunnel to bypass this section. The attached selection of images, taken in April by Christian Amman, show progress on the various elements of the scheme. The 'old' AB station will disappear to become a badly needed parking facility for the station, whilst a new two-track metre-gauge station is being constructed with raised platforms. The TB trains are currently using a provisional station. The entrance to the new tunnel can be seen along with trains climbing the existing line alongside the construction site. 