

Plan your travel ahead of tomorrow's bus strike

UNITE Union has announced a 24-hour strike on London's bus services tomorrow.

If the strike goes ahead, bus services will be patchy with some areas affected more than others. Disruption will last throughout tomorrow and into the early hours of Wednesday morning.

TfL has called for Unite and the bus companies to swiftly resolve the dispute so that passengers' journeys are not disrupted.

Leon Daniels, TfL's managing director of Surface Transport, said: 'It is extremely disappointing that Unite has decided to subject our bus passengers to unnecessary disruption, especially given the low turnout for



the ballot. I would like to apologise to our customers for the disruption

that this will cause and would urge them to please check before they travel. We'll be working hard to

get up-to-date information out from a range of channels.' The strike is over a dispute

between Unite and the bus companies about bus driver pay and conditions. Fewer than 16 per cent of London bus drivers voted in favour of industrial action.

Travel advice

Passengers can check the status of bus services:

- Online at tfl.gov.uk/buses
- Using the Countdown next bus arrival service online, on their mobile or via the SMS text service
- By following @TfLOfficial and @TfLBusAlerts on Twitter – look for #BusStrike

■ Check before you travel at tfl.gov.uk

Halfway through Vauxhall Tube upgrade

THE £36million upgrade of Vauxhall Underground station has reached the halfway mark.

So far a new station control room and electrical switch room have been installed, and offices and staff facilities have been constructed on the north side of the ticket hall. On the south side of the ticket hall, old rooms have been stripped out and refurbishment of the subways and stairs has started. A 15metre-deep shaft has also been excavated to prepare for a new lift.

Over the next year, the south side of the ticket hall will be reconstructed and the entire ticket hall and subways will be refurbished with new signage, CCTV, ceilings, floor and wall tiling.

The number of passengers using Vauxhall Underground station is set to increase by 40 per cent over the next few years and, in order to create extra space, the ticket hall is being enlarged and more ticket gates will be installed,



reducing congestion. The Tube station will continue to remain open throughout the work.

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