

Overground upgrade work to start next week

The route between Gospel Oak and Barking will close from June 4 as part of a major upgrade project.

THERE will be phased closures from Saturday June 4, with the line set to be closed for a total of eight months while the vital work is carried out.

The project, funded by TfL and the Department for Transport, will see the introduction of new four-car electric trains from January 2018, replacing the existing two-car diesel trains, which will help meet growing passenger demand.

Network Rail will lower four sections of track, install structures to carry the overhead wires and rebuild four bridges. The work will take place in two phases and result in changes to train services.

From Saturday June 4 to Sunday September 25 there will be no service between South Tottenham and Barking. Trains will run on

weekdays between Gospel Oak and South Tottenham, but not at weekends. TfL will provide rail replacement buses along the route.

From Monday September 26 to February 2017, the line will be fully closed in both directions from Gospel Oak to Barking.

From June until September, there will be two replacement bus services between Walthamstow Central and Barking, and between Gospel Oak and Seven Sisters (for South Tottenham).

There will be no replacement bus service between South Tottenham and Walthamstow Queen's Road stations. Customers wanting to travel to these stations should use the Victoria line, which is a faster alternative.

TfL's director of London Overground

Mike Stubbs said: 'Along with Network Rail, we have been publicising the work and the alternative travel arrangements and have held drop-in sessions at all 12 stations along the route to ensure customers are well-informed.'

'We know there will be disruption and would like to thank customers in advance for their patience while this essential work takes place.'

Regular pay as you go users of the Gospel Oak to Barking line will be automatically refunded the additional cost of travel via Zone 1 by Tube or rail.

From February 2017 onwards, further works to prepare the line for electric trains will take place during evenings and weekends and will be completed by the end of June 2017.

■ For full details of the alternative travel and ticketing arrangements, visit tfl.gov.uk/london-overground-closure. To watch a video of the plans, visit networkrail.co.uk/gobe



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Chelsea area Until Saturday

There are likely to be large volumes of traffic and pedestrians for the RHS Chelsea Flower Show from 8am until 8pm today, Thursday and Friday. Saturday finishes at 5.30pm.

West London area All weekend

On Saturday, from 9am until 5pm, lane closures will be in place on the eastbound A205 Kew Bridge Road at the junction of Chiswick High Road for gas works. On Sunday, between 4am and 10pm, the westbound A4 will be closed between West Cromwell Road and the Hammersmith Flyover to dismantle a crane tower.

Twickenham Stadium All weekend

On Saturday, from 12.30pm to 7pm, there will be large volumes of pedestrians and traffic for the Aviva Premiership Final, kick-off at 3pm. The area will also be

busy on Sunday between midday and 8pm as England play Wales, which kicks off at 3pm. Road closures will be in place around the stadium for both games.

Wembley Stadium All weekend and Bank Holiday Monday

The Football League play-off finals take place across the weekend and heavy traffic and large pedestrian numbers are expected in the area from 2pm until 9pm on Saturday (kick-off 5pm), and midday to 7pm on Sunday and Monday (kick-offs 3pm).

Central London area All weekend and Bank Holiday Monday

On Saturday, from 8am to 3pm, roads will be closed for the Trooping of the Colour. The Vitality Westminster Mile on Sunday will see higher than usual pedestrian numbers in and around St James' Park, with internal park roads closed from 7am until 5pm. There will be road closures on Monday from 8am until 2pm for the Vitality London 10K, including The Mall, Chancery Lane, Holborn, Threadneedle Street and Cannon Street. Diversions will be in place and drivers should expect delays.

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