

Will your journey be affected this weekend?

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IMPROVEMENTS UNDER WAY

There are no planned works on the Bakerloo, Circle, District, Hammersmith & City, Jubilee, Metropolitan, Northern, Piccadilly, Victoria or Waterloo & City lines, Docklands Light Railway, London Trams or TfL Rail. However, the following lines will be affected by engineering and improvement works.

Central line

Part closure

All weekend: no service between Leytonstone and Epping/Hainault (via Woodford), owing to track and points renewal work between Woodford and Roding Valley. Replacement buses will run:
Service A: Wanstead - Snaresbrook - South Woodford - Woodford - Roding Valley - Buckhurst Hill - Loughton
Service B: Chingford (for London Overground) - Loughton - Debden - Epping
Service C: Woodford - Roding Valley - Chigwell - Grange Hill - Hainault
Service D: Theydon Bois - Loughton

London Overground

Part closure

Sunday: no service between New Cross Gate and Crystal Palace/West Croydon owing to Network Rail track work. Replacement buses will run.
Sunday: no service between Gospel Oak and Barking while preparatory works for electrification are carried out. Replacement buses will run.
Go to tfl.gov.uk for full details.

Delays on the Underground fall to lowest ever level

A HUGE programme of modernisation and innovation has seen TfL cut delays on the Tube by 38 per cent over the past five years.

Train delays are now at their lowest ever level, and surpasses the Mayor's target of a 30 per cent reduction.

TfL has made extensive improvements to signalling, track and trains to help services run on time. These enhancements have seen some of London's busiest lines, such as the Victoria and Jubilee, recording improvements of 74 and 67 per cent respectively.

There has also been a joint operation with British Transport Police to help to respond quicker, with engineers now getting to incidents under 'blue light' conditions.

The Underground now uses techniques to predict when maintenance on the lines will be required to prevent unexpected equipment failure. In addition, installing covers on train passenger alarms has significantly reduced the number of accidental activations.

Mayor Boris Johnson MP said: 'A reliable Tube

network is crucial to London's economic success. I am delighted that we have delivered such a step-change in performance, and thanks must go to the thousands of staff who have helped to make better performance a reality for millions of Tube users every day.

'We can be rightly proud of the progress we have made in the last few years, especially considering the record numbers of passengers using the network.'

Managing director of London Underground Nick Brown said: 'Our aim is to give our customers the very best service possible, while building a modern and efficient network that is capable of meeting the needs of London's growing population.'

'We are working to increase capacity on the Tube to meet this need - introducing new trains, track and signalling, and rebuilding and improving our stations. At the same time we have relentlessly driven down delays so that our customers can get to where they need to go with minimum disruption.'



Step-free access coming to Finsbury Park station

WORK will begin next week to make Finsbury Park Underground station step-free, after preparatory work was successfully completed over Christmas.

The project involves building two new lift shafts that will allow access from street level to the trains.

The main staircase that serves the northbound Piccadilly and Victoria line platforms will be temporarily closed from Monday February 1 until mid-September. Customers can use the other staircases between the National Rail passageway and northbound Tube platforms.

Passengers should allow more time for their journey during busy periods. It may be easier to change trains at King's Cross St. Pancras station instead.

London Underground's capital programmes director David Waboso said: 'Making London's Tube and rail network accessible to all customers is one of our key priorities.'

'Upgrading Finsbury Park will make it step-free and journeys through the station will be quicker and more pleasant for our customers.'

These improvements are in addition to the enhanced CCTV and customer information as well as new ticket machines recently commissioned at the station.

■ Finsbury Park Tube station is the fourth busiest Underground station outside of Zone 1. The number of people using the station during the week has increased by 20 per cent since 2010

Travel advice for winter runners

THOUSANDS of runners will take to the streets of the capital this weekend for the London Winter Run.

Now in its second year, the 10K event saw 15,000 people take part last year to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

There will be some impact on travel, with the roads around The Mall, Pall Mall, The Strand, Aldwych, High Holborn, the City and Whitehall affected by road closures from 4am on Sunday. Buses in and around the area will be on diversion or terminating early.

As well as the runners, thousands of spectators are expected to line the routes. Anyone intending to travel to this area is advised to plan their journey ahead and allow plenty of time.



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