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Central line strike threatened

THE ASLEF union has threatened strike action on the Central line on Wednesday September 17. If it goes ahead, no Central line trains will run through central London, other parts of the line may also be suspended and trains are not expected to run early morning or late at night. The Waterloo & City line will not operate any services. Customers are advised to seek alternative routes. Extra buses will run on main routes, and TfL Ambassadors and volunteers will be at key Underground and bus stations offering travel advice.

Other Tube services, the Docklands Light Railway, London Overground and National Rail will operate normally. These services are likely to be busier than usual and journeys made outside peak hours are likely to be easier.

The industrial action has been called for by the leadership of the ASLEF union in a dispute over local issues on the Central line, all of which have either been resolved or are being discussed further with the union. These include arrangements for managing annual leave to ensure a good service for customers and arrangements to minimise delays to the service by asking drivers to depart promptly when given the signal to do so.

Phil Hufton, London Underground's chief operating officer, says: 'We have held a number of meetings with ASLEF and we have made some progress, with a number of issues resolved. Further strike action is not necessary and will only serve to disrupt hardworking Londoners. I urge the ASLEF leadership to call off their planned industrial action and to work with us to resolve any outstanding concerns.'

■ Plan ahead and check before you travel at tfl.gov.uk

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

Central line

Station closure

Sunday: Chancery Lane station will be closed owing to improvement work. Use Holborn station, which is a short walk or bus ride away.

Northern line

Part closure

All weekend: No service between Charing Cross and Hampstead/High Barnet/Mill Hill East, or between Moorgate and Hampstead/High Barnet/Mill Hill East, owing to track replacement at Totteridge & Whetstone, station improvement work at Woodside Park, and points maintenance work at Camden Town. Replacement bus services will run:

Service A: Arnos Grove (for the Piccadilly line) – North Finchley (Tally Ho Corner) – Woodside Park – Totteridge & Whetstone – High Barnet

Service B: King's Cross St. Pancras – Camden Town – Kentish Town – Tufnell Park – Archway – Highgate – East Finchley – Finchley Central station

Service C: Arnos Grove (for the Piccadilly line) North Finchley (Tally Ho Corner) – West Finchley – Finchley Central – Finchley Central station – Mill Hill East

Service E: Euston – Mornington Crescent – Camden Town – Chalk Farm – Belsize Park – Hampstead – Swiss Cottage (for the Jubilee line) – Finchley Road (for the Jubilee and Metropolitan lines)

London Overground

Part closure

All weekend: No service between New Cross Gate and West Croydon, or between Sydenham and Crystal Palace, owing to Thameslink work. Replacement buses will run.

Sunday: No service between Willesden Junction and Camden Road via West Hampstead to prepare the network for five-car trains. Replacement buses will run. Trains will run to an amended timetable along an alternative route between Willesden Junction and Stratford. Go to tfl.gov.uk for full details.

London Tramlink

Part closure

All weekend: No service between Morden Road and Ampere Way owing to track work at Beddington Lane and drainage work near Mitcham Junction. Trams from Wimbledon will terminate at Morden Road. Trams from New Addington will terminate at Therapia Lane. Line 4 will not run tomorrow.

Replacement buses will run between Morden Road and Ampere Way, also stopping at Belgrave Walk (stop in Morden Road), Mitcham, Mitcham Junction, Beddington Lane and Therapia Lane. It is not possible for these buses to serve Phipps Bridge tram stop, which is served by bus 200 between Wimbledon and Mitcham.

Tickets will also be accepted on local buses. Oyster pay as you go customers can receive a refund if they touch in correctly when boarding and changing modes from tram to bus to complete their journey.

Sunday road closures in Westminster

MOTORISTS are advised to avoid the Westminster area on Sunday as there will be a number of roads closed for the Tour of Britain.

The closures will be in place around the race route – Whitehall, Victoria Embankment, Upper Thames Street, Lower Thames Street and Tower Hill. Both Westminster and Southwark Bridges will also be closed. Some buses will be on diversion or will terminate earlier than usual.

Visitors are advised to use the Tube or rail, or walk or cycle. Stations near the event are expected to be busier than usual.

■ Drivers are advised to plan their journey in advance by checking tfl.gov.uk/trafficnews



Repair work at Putney Bridge

WANDSWORTH Council is carrying out essential repair works to Putney Bridge. Vehicles, including buses, cannot use the bridge so will need to use alternative routes.

Bus passengers won't lose out or pay twice if their journeys are affected as they will be given a transfer card for a bus on the other side of the bridge. Passengers who would usually cross the bridge by bus need to make their own way to the other side to continue their journey.

■ Details of affected bus routes can be found at tfl.gov.uk/putney-bridge-closure