



Plan for possible rail strike

Network Rail unions have called 48 hours of industrial action on Monday May 25 and Tuesday May 26. This includes a country-wide strike on national rail services from 5pm on Monday. If it goes ahead, the industrial action will affect services on Monday, Tuesday and into Wednesday morning.

Neither TfL nor London Underground staff are on strike

and so the vast majority of TfL services will run as normal. However, some TfL services rely on Network Rail signals and power supply so will be affected.

■ **For information on TfL services, visit www.tfl.gov.uk/network-rail-strike. National Rail customers should visit www.nationalrail.co.uk/industrialaction**

Extra Night Buses to complement Night Tube

NIGHT Bus services in the capital could be in for a big boost if plans are given the go-ahead.

Proposals to introduce up to 20 new bus services went to consultation this week, three months before the Night Tube starts operating.

This follows a comprehensive review of TfL's Night Bus services. It looked at demand for new bus links on weekend-nights from suburban stations for passengers travelling to and from central London on the Night Tube.

From Saturday September 12, the start of the Night Tube service, TfL is proposing to continue running all Night Bus services and to introduce up to 20 new services and one extended service, to help customers travel to and from Night Tube stations.

Seventeen of the new services would run on Friday and Saturday nights, with three running seven nights a week. These would help passengers start or finish their Night Tube journeys, and provide



new travel options for people to and from suburban local centres. The new services would follow the same route – and run between the same points – as the day service.

The review also identified ways efficiency could be increased on the Night Bus network. On some current services, TfL runs extra buses on Friday and Saturday nights to meet weekend demand. Based on detailed analysis of Oyster card and passenger survey data, it is anticipated that some passengers will choose to use the Night Tube instead.

As a result, TfL is proposing to

cut some of the extra buses at weekends on 17 of the existing 117 Night Bus routes. These 17 services would continue to run as usual on weekdays.

The Night Tube will play a vital role in helping London's night-time economy, opening up new business opportunities, supporting around 2,000 permanent jobs and boosting the economy by £360million.

■ **The consultation is open until July 1 and available online at <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/buses/night-bus-review>**

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More bus stations with live arrival screens

FIVE London bus stations and Victoria Coach station now have large display screens giving up-to-the-minute bus information for routes stopping at the stations.

The state-of-the-art digital signs show live bus arrival times and details of any disruptions to services. They are designed to make it easier for people to find their way around busy bus interchanges and to choose the best route for their journey.

Nine arrival screens have been installed around London so far: two at Harrow, Walthamstow and North Greenwich bus stations and one at Vauxhall, East Croydon and Victoria Coach station.

Canada Water and Hatton Cross are the next stations to get digital signs. Dates will be confirmed shortly.

In 2011, TfL introduced its Countdown system, enabling passengers to access bus arrival information for every one of the 19,500 bus stops across 700 bus routes in London, via the internet and mobile phones. This service was complemented by 2,500 new on-street Countdown signs, supplied and funded by TfL, which provide bus arrival information at bus stops in London.



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