



# TRANSPORT FOR LONDON



## News update

### Travel disruption

London Underground services may be affected by strike action on Monday 8 April. If the strike goes ahead, there will be severe disruption across the London Underground, with some lines having little or no service.

In a separate industrial dispute, national rail services may be affected by strike action from Friday 5 until Monday 8 April, impacting several train operating companies.

There is likely to be increased demand for taxi and private hire journeys within the affected areas.

For further information, [visit our website](#) and [National Rail](#).

### DBS Update Service

It is a **mandatory** licensing requirement that anyone now applying for a taxi or PHV driver licence (both new and renewal) is required to provide evidence of registration with the [DBS Update Service](#).

There are two opportunities to register with the DBS Update Service:

- 28 days from when you apply for your enhanced DBS check
- 30 days from the date when your DBS certificate was issued

If you miss the windows to register, then you will need to apply and pay for a new enhanced DBS check.

See our [video](#) explaining these changes, two guidance documents [here](#) and [here](#), and [TPH Notice 07/23](#) for further information.

### Health and wellbeing

The health and wellbeing of our licensees is important to us.

It is understandable that some people may feel low, worried, anxious or concerned about their own health or the health of those closest to them.

Taking care of your mind and body is important, as is seeking out further support if it is required.

We have information on our [taxi and private hire health and wellbeing page](#) about the help and advice that is available to you.

### DVLA applications

The DVLA website remains the quickest, easiest and often cheapest way to access a host of DVLA services. To see which services are available online, visit the [DVLA website](#).

## Events

### New taxi rank facility - Eastern Gardens at Euston station open morning

On Friday 5 April, taxi drivers have an opportunity to look at the new taxi rank at Euston station before it is

commissioned. Numbers are subject to rank size. Please be aware that when entering the facility from Eversholt Street, the yellow box junction camera is live.

### **Drumsheds**

Saturday 6 April, Tottenham Hale

There will be a marshalled taxi rank and pre-booked only PHV area at 6 Glover Drive, N18 3HF. The main egress times will be from 21:30 until midnight. For this event, Sector 1, 2 and 9 taxi drivers can serve the event rank only.

### **Thundercat**

Saturday 6 April, KOKO Camden

### **Underworld**

Saturday 6 April, Alexandra Palace

### **Michael McIntyre**

Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 April, The O2, Peninsula Square

### **Anoushka Shankar**

Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 April, Barbican Centre

### **Ideal Home Show**

Sunday 7 April, Olympia London

### **Hermanos Gutierrez**

Sunday 7 and Monday 8 April, O2 Shepherd's Bush Empire

Because of these events, there may be increased demand for taxi and private hire services in these areas.

### **Wembley Stadium**

From 17:00 until 23:30 on Friday 5 April, Wembley Stadium will be hosting the England v Sweden football match, with kick off at 20:00.

From 12:00 until 21:00 on Sunday 7 April, Wembley Stadium will host the EFL Football Trophy Final between Peterborough United and Wycombe Wanderers, with kick off at 16:30.

Large crowds and increased traffic levels are expected before and after each match.

### **Trafalgar Square**

From 12:00 until 18:00 on Saturday 6 April, a religious event will take place at Trafalgar Square. Large crowds are expected.

### **London Landmarks Half Marathon**

From 06:30 until 16:00 on Sunday 7 April, there will be extensive road closures in place for the London Landmarks Half Marathon, which follows a route through Westminster and City of London, starting in Pall Mall and ending at Whitehall. Large crowds and increased traffic levels are expected along the route.

Taxi ranks within the City of London will be suspended between 06:00 and 17:00:

- Cheapside - RHS heading eastbound
- Gresham Street junction with Basinghall Street
- Queen Victoria Street - middle of carriageway between Mansion House and Queen Street
- New Change
- Princes Street
- Poultry - outside the NED

### **Southall**

From 08:00 until 19:30 on Sunday 7 April, a religious event will take place in the Southall area, travelling from Guru Nanak Road along King Street, The Green, South Road, The Broadway High Street and Park Avenue Gurdwara, then back to Guru Nanak Road. Large crowds and increased traffic levels are expected.

## Road updates

### George Yard and Duke Street

From 08:00 until 18:00 on both Thursday 4 and Friday 5 April, George Yard will be closed from Duke Street through to Balderton Street, while Duke Street will be closed from the junction with Grosvenor Square to Brown Hart Gardens. This is due to resurfacing works.

### Buckingham Palace Road

Until 21:00 on Tuesday 16 April, Buckingham Palace Road will be closed at the junction of Grosvenor Gardens. This is due to Thames Water works.

### Commercial Street

Until 05:00 on Thursday 11 April, Commercial Street will be closed between Wentworth Street and Quaker Street. This is for carriageway resurfacing.

### Regent Street

From 22:00 on Thursday 4 April until 06:00 the following morning, Regent Street will be closed southbound between Air Street and Vigo Street. This is due to Vodafone works.

### Brixton Hill

From 08:00 on Friday 5 until 18:00 on Sunday 7 April, there will be no left turn into Acre Lane from Brixton Hill. This is for street works.

### Old Kent Road

From 19:00 on Friday 5 until 05:00 on Monday 8 April, the following restrictions to all vehicles will be in place to allow utility works:

- No right turn into Old Kent Road from Albany Road
- No right turn into Albany Road from Old Kent Road
- No right turn into Old Kent Road from Humphrey Street
- No entry into Albany Road from Humphrey Street

### Manor Road

From 08:00 on Saturday 6 until 18:00 on Friday 12 April, Manor Road will be closed in both directions at the junction of A124 Barking Road. This is for Thames Water works.

### A3 Borough High Street

From 00:01 until 05:00 every night between Monday 8 and Thursday 11 April, Borough High Street will be closed southbound between its junctions with Railway Approach and St. Thomas Street.

### Billinton Hill, East Croydon station

Until Thursday 25 April, Billinton Hill will be closed for engineering works. Taxis should use the taxi rank on Lansdowne Road where space will also be provided for PHV drop-offs and pick-ups. Travel Ambassadors will be at the station to help direct passengers to Lansdowne Road and will provide assistance to passengers with accessibility needs.

### Ealing Road

Temporary traffic lights are currently in place between Ealing Road and its junction with Brentford High Street to support construction works. These works are expected to be in place until the end of July. Increased traffic is expected.

### Westminster area

Until spring 2025, various local traffic lane restrictions, closures and diversions will affect the junctions at

Wimpole Street, Harley Street and Chandos Street. This is due to infrastructure works as part of the Oxford Street Programme.

## Rank suspensions

The following ranks will be out of service:

- 5495 Lupus Street/St. George's Square, until 18:00 on Friday 5 April. First and second portion to be suspended for a new pedestrian crossing on Lupus Street, which will have a road closure. The second portion will be suspended for a temporary bus stop. A temporary rank will be available in bus stop F
- 5863 Dover Street (MKY HSE), from 07:00 until 18:00 on Saturday 6 April. Whole rank to be suspended for a crane operation. There is a road closure in place
- 5757 266 Brompton Road, from 07:00 on Tuesday 9 until 18:00 on Friday 12 April. Whole rank to be suspended for a pedestrian walkway for footway utility works
- 5481 Old Compton Street, from 07:00 on Tuesday 9 until 18:00 on Thursday 11 April. Whole rank to be suspended for carriageway utility works
- 6192 Brompton Road (Harrods), between 22:00 and 05:00 each night from Wednesday 10 until Friday 12 April. Whole rank to be suspended for a crane operation
- 6102 Ballards Lane (Tally Ho PH), until 16:00 on Friday 12 April. Whole rank to be suspended for footway and drainage works
- 5868 Berkeley Square (40 Berkeley Square), until 18:00 on Friday 12 April. Whole rank to be suspended for major carriageway utility works. There will a lane closure and partial road closure in phases during these works
- 5056 Wrythe Lane (St Helier Hospital), Carshalton, until 18:30 on Friday 12 April. Whole rank to be suspended for carriageway utility works and traffic management
- 6096 Billinton Hall (East Croydon station), until 23:59 on Thursday 25 April. Whole rank to be suspended for engineering works. There is a road closure in place. Drivers should use Lansdown Road
- 5948 Guildable Manor, until 05:00 on Friday 26 April. Second portion only is suspended to facilitate works compound for bridge works
- 5788 Eccleston Place, until Monday 12 August. Second portion only is suspended from 08:00 until 13:00, Monday to Friday only for loading and unloading for works to the library roof

## Consultations

### **Kensington Park Road**

Kensington and Chelsea Council is consulting on [proposed changes in Kensington Park Road](#). The consultation closes on Wednesday 24 April.

### **Harrow local plan**

Harrow Council is consulting on a [new local plan](#). You have until Thursday 25 April to comment on the plan.

### **Putney Embankment trial pedestrianisation**

Wandsworth Council is consulting on the [trial pedestrianisation of Putney Embankment](#). You have until Tuesday 14 May to comment on the trial.

### **Lambeth School Streets schemes**

Lambeth Council is consulting on two phases of School Street schemes. The consultation on [Phase 3](#) closes on Monday 8 July and the [Phase 4](#) consultation closes on Monday 26 August.

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Yours sincerely,

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