



# TRANSPORT FOR LONDON



## News update

### Travel disruption

London Underground services may be affected by industrial action on Friday 26 April. If the strike goes ahead, some stations may need to close at short notice.

In separate industrial action, Tram services may be affected from 20:00 on Sunday 5 May until 06:00 on Thursday 9 May. There is likely to be an increased demand for taxi and private hire journeys within the affected areas.

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

### Heathrow Airport

Taxi and private hire drivers waiting to pick up passengers from the airport must wait in the [authorised vehicle area \(AVA\)](#) and must not wait in residential areas around the airport.

### 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.

## Events

### Take That

Thursday 25 until Sunday 28 April, O2 Arena

### O2 Academy test event

Friday 26 April, O2 Academy Brixton

### Drumsheds

Saturday 20 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.

### Central London

From 09:00 until 18:00 on Saturday 27 April, an annual charity bicycle ride will be taking place through central London. Large crowds and increased traffic levels are expected.

### **Twickenham Stadium**

From 12:00 until 18:30 on Saturday 27 April, Twickenham Stadium is hosting the Harlequins v Northampton rugby match. Large crowds and increased traffic levels are expected before and after the match.

### **Trafalgar Square**

From 07:00 until 10:00 on Sunday 28 April, there will be various closures in and around Trafalgar Square for filming.

### **Ford Ride London 2024**

The annual cycling event is back in London and Essex on Sunday 26 May. There will be extensive road closure in central London, east London and Essex until approximately 21:00 on Sunday 26 May. Visit the website for [full information on road closures](#).

### **Demonstrations**

#### **Central London**

From 10:00 until 13:00 on Saturday 27 April, a march will take place from Trafalgar Square to Parliament Square. Large crowds are expected.

From 11:00 until 17:00 on Saturday 27 April, a march will take place from Parliament Square to Hyde Park via Whitehall, Cockspur Street, Pall Mall, Waterloo Place, Regent Street St James and Piccadilly. Large crowds and increased traffic levels are expected.

From 12:30 until 15:00 on Saturday 27 April, a march will take place from Marble Arch to Whitehall. Large crowds are expected.

## **Road updates**

### **Bromley**

Until 05:00 on Tuesday 29 April, all traffic travelling south east on Tweedy Road will be unable to turn left into College Road. This is for signal modernisation works.

### **Pembroke Road**

Until 23:59 on Saturday 18 May, Pembroke Road will be closed in both directions at the junction of Warwick Road. Plan ahead and allow more time for your journey.

### **A406 Gunnersbury Avenue**

From 21:00 on Friday 26 until Tuesday 30 April, the A406 Gunnersbury Avenue will be closed between Chiswick Roundabout and Popes Lane, with a signed diversion route in place. This is due to emergency Thames Water works.

During this time, drivers should [check before they travel](#), allow more time for their journey and consider alternative routes where possible.

### **Edgware Road**

From 08:00 on Saturday 27 until 18:00 on Sunday 28 April, Edgware Road will be closed southbound between Old Marylebone Road and Crawford Place. Plan ahead and allow more time for your journey. This is due to Vorboss telecom works.

### **Charing Cross station**

From 07:00 on Sunday 28 until 08:00 on Monday 29 April, the Charing Cross station forecourt will be closed. Taxis should use the feeder rank on The Strand.

### **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

## **Rank suspensions**

The following ranks will be out of service:

- **6096 Billinton Hill (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 Lansdowne Road
- **5984 Guildable Manor**, until 05:00 on Friday 26 April. Second portion only to be suspended for bridge works
- **6102 Ballards Lane (Tally Ho PH)**, until Saturday 27 April. Whole rank to be suspended for footway and kerb works
- **5500 Great Marlborough Street (Courthouse Hotel)**, until Tuesday 30 April. Whole rank to be suspended for the removal and relocation of the taxi rank
- **5788 Eccleston Place**, from 08:00 until 13:00 every Monday to Friday until Monday 12 August. Second portion to be suspended during these hours for loading and unloading to the library roof
- **5687 Piccadilly (Dilly Hotel)**, from 08:00 until 18:00 every day until Wednesday 6 November. Whole rank to be suspended for building construction works pit lane at 33-25 Piccadilly
- **5627 Great Marlborough Street (M & S)**, from 19:00 on Thursday 25 until 05:00 on Friday 26 April. Whole rank to be suspended for access to utility chamber
- **5580 Wardour Street (101 Club)**, from 22:00 on Thursday 25 until 05:00 on Friday 26 April. Whole rank to be suspended for carriageway utility works
- **6203 Margaret Street (Regent Street)**, from 07:00 until 18:30 on Saturday 27 April. Whole rank to be suspended for carriageway utility works. There is a road closure in place
- **5687 Piccadilly (Dilly Hotel)**, from 20:00 until 23:59 on Monday 29 April. Whole rank to be suspended for traffic signal repairs and traffic management
- **5561 High Street, New Malden**, from 08:00 on Monday 29 April until 17:00 on Friday 10 May. Whole rank to be suspended for carriageway utility works
- **6192 Brompton Road (Harrods)**, from 22:00 until 05:00 each night from Monday 29 April until Wednesday 1 May. Whole rank to be suspended for crane operations
- **3451 Stratton Street (Langan's)**, from 07:00 on Tuesday 30 April until 18:00 on Wednesday 1 May. Whole rank to be suspended for carriageway utility works. There is a road closure between Piccadilly and Mayfair Place
- **6194 Greenwich Church (Cutty Sark)**, from 05:00 until 23:00 on Tuesday 30 April, and again on Thursday 2 May. Whole rank to be suspended for cruise ship traffic management. A temporary rank will be available outside M & S each day

## **Consultations**

### **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.

### **City Plan 2024**

The City of London Corporation is consulting on its [new City Plan](#). You have until Friday 31 May to respond to the consultation.

**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.

**VAT Treatment of private hire vehicles**

The government is consulting on a [VAT treatment of private hire vehicles](#). You have until Thursday 8 August to respond to the consultation.

For the latest updates please follow us on X [@TfLTPH](#)

Yours sincerely,

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**MAYOR OF LONDON**

