



Bosses Plan To Impose a 4 Minute Train Service

Unnecessary service level puts drivers at risk



Tube bosses have announced plans to impose a 4 minute timetable on the Jubilee Line in a matter of days. At a time when we are risking our lives and that of our families to come to work; it is both unnecessary and an insult to us to expect us to operate such a high level of service throughout the day when trains are frequently empty.

The RMT has reiterated that as drivers we will willingly play our part to get essential workers such as doctors, nurses, cleaners and supermarket employees to where they need to be. But this doesn't mean that we agree to come into work to operate an unnecessary service at the risk of our own health.

On the 1st of April a line meeting took place and RMT reps from all three depots flatly rejected the proposed 'Covid-19' schedules and were told this would be referred to Trains Functional Council. We are therefore amazed that management have now announced their intention to implement the schedules again with no changes made at all.

To be absolutely clear, your local RMT reps at Stratford, Wembley Park and North Greenwich outright reject

this imposition on the 1st of April, and repeat that position now.

We have now written to our line head and the TFC chair, to reiterate our rejection of the sheets. The next steps will be to take the matter to our branches to debate and decide on what further action our branches plan to take.

Please ensure you attend your next branch meeting and feed back to your local reps so everybody's thoughts on management's shock plan can be discussed.

Stratford TOM refuses to formally meet with your elected TU reps

At Stratford depot our local rep wrote to the TOM requesting a formal meeting to discuss a number of issues that are a concern to drivers.

The response from management was a flat rejection to meet with us. We had wished to discuss important local issues such as the way people who are currently sick are being managed, allocation of train work, issues drivers are facing with childcare and other concerns around annual leave, mileage claims and getting back from the depot late at night.

We continuing to fight and resolve issues as they arise. However, it sends a loud negative message to drivers when, at a time of an international health crisis we have to fight just to be able sit down and raise drivers concerns with the TOM. This issue has been raised and we are continuing to pursue it.

If it isn't safe, don't do it

Train drivers' union RMT has written to all members to remind them of the right to refuse any work that you deem an imminent threat to your health.

At this current time of unprecedented risk, there are a long list of times when this could apply.

You can find the advice document at www.rmtlondoncalling.org.uk/coronavirus. Alternatively speak to your local H&S or Industrial rep with any concerns you have.

Jubilee South calls for a 4 day week

Jubilee South branch has unanimously passed a motion during calling for "London Underground ...to put all full timers onto at maximum a four-day week, for as long as the lock down continues, with further reductions in hours made wherever possible as well." The resolution also states that "there should also be similar meaningful reduction in hours for those on part time contracts."

The reason given for this demand is that "this would mean less time traveling to and from work, less time interacting with the public and risking catching and spreading Coronavirus, and also more time for workers to care for vulnerable family members and others in the community who require our support."

The motion will now be sent to the union's National Executive Committee and Regional Council for further consideration.

Read the full motion at rmtlondoncalling.org.uk/coronavirus.