



LONDON UNDERGROUND ***TRAIN OPERATORS' BULLETIN***

JULY/AUGUST 2026

**Vote YES for strike action and
YES for action short of strike**



Compressed Four-Day Working & Trains Modernisation ***Seven weeks into discussions and no answers from LUL***

LUL management asked us to take part in 7–10 weeks of talks to make clear their compressed working plans.

After 7 weeks of talks management has not moved away from any of their productivity demands for those who work the compressed four-day week, including:

- Longer duties
- Longer unbroken driving time
- 5-year line lock-ins and restrictions on the right to transfer
- 24 hours' notice of pool cover duties

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The questions we need answered

Will compressed working really be voluntary?

Management will not confirm their plans for those who opt out.

Can I stay at my current depot?

No answer from management.

Can I keep my rostered status?

No answer from management.

Will management seek to change the framework or make changes to other working conditions for those on a 5-day week?

No answer from management.

How will splitting the workforce impact on fixed links and syndicates?

No answer from management.

Will the 5-day roster be loaded up with unpopular turns to try and make the compressed roster look better?

No answer from management.

What next?

Management will not give any assurances that drivers can opt out of compressed arrangements in the longer term. Train managers, TOMs and many senior managers have openly questioned how the two frameworks can work, side by side.

There has been a repeated failure to deny that the opt-out will be a temporary arrangement with drivers outside of the compressed arrangements treated as a legacy grade and pressured to move onto the compressed week as soon as possible.

RMT has told management they have three weeks to address these issues. We expect the answers

we were promised at ACAS within the 10-week timescale set out by management themselves.

The draconian changes to parameters, transfer rights and cover notice proposed for the compressed week remain unacceptable to train operators. Management has failed to give any assurances that the compressed week will be truly voluntary. Drivers opting out continue to face the potential for displacement, loss of rostered status and detrimental changes to their own working arrangements.

That is why we need your vote to renew our mandate for strike action.

Vote Yes for strike action and Yes for action short of strike in the current reballot.

Your ballot paper must be returned by 13 August.

Call RMT on 0800 376 3706 or email info@rmt.org.uk if you have not received your ballot paper

WHY YOU MUST VOTE

Make sure we have a new mandate for strike action to keep pressure on LUL to improve the compressed week and to guarantee the rights of those who opt out.

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