

London Transport Region



Say No to £9.8bn Cuts to TfL Defend 953 Jobs on Tube stations Save our Ticket offices

RMT & TSSA members are striking against a programme of cuts to TfL and London Underground (LU) amounting to £9.8bn.

Over 90% of the cuts have yet to be identified but the 6% of the savings that have been proposed by LU managers would mean:

- Every Ticket Office to Close
- 953 Jobs to be cut from front-line station staff
- Thousands of staff on LU's stations face pay cuts of up to £10K
- No operationally trained supervisor on many stations

Many passenger groups have spoken out against LU's plans which will make access to the tube more difficult for many disabled passengers.

Buying tickets will become even harder than it is at present. You will have to use self-service machines and there will be fewer staff available to help.

LU says that every station will still be staffed. In that case why not allow the staff to open the ticket office? LU says it will be easier to find help if a station has one member of staff moving around the station. We say that it is far easier to find help if there is a member of staff located in a ticket office with a big illuminated window near the station entrance.

Staff & Passengers Pay for Cuts

You already pay higher fares than on equivalent metro systems. Peak fares per Km travelled are double the level of New York and more than double the fares paid in Paris.

This is not because LU overspends relative to the other system. It is because the government subsidy to LU is Half the level of that provided to New York or Paris.

Now the Mayor has insisted that LU makes cuts in response to a further decrease in the government subsidy.

RMT has put forward an alternative to LU's cuts:

- Challenge the Mayor and government to seek a restoration of the grant from government.
- Bring all regular maintenance, cleaning and other functions in-house. Stop wasting money on consultants.
- Cap senior management pay at £100K. LU currently pays its Managing Director £470K a year while TfL pays the Transport commissioner £670K. This is an obscene waste of public money.

London Underground is one of many public services being cut while public money continues to subsidise the profits of the big banks.

The money needed to stop cuts on the tube is a fraction of the support given to bankers and the super rich. It is time that we all stand up and say No More!

Striking tube workers are losing much needed wages to take this action but we believe it is the only way we can stop the cuts.

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