



Transport cuts short-sighted and damaging, says FTA

Leading trade body Freight Transport Association (FTA), has warned that spending cuts on major transport projects, owing to a massive public investment shortfall, will not only damage the UK's road and rail infrastructure, but severely jeopardise Britain's economic future.

Responding to yesterday's leaked industry memo warning of a reduction in the Department for Transport's capital expenditure plans by £28.9 billion, Jo Tanner of the FTA said:

"Once again, it looks as though the transport sector is the whipping boy. News of massive cuts in much-needed road and rail infrastructure projects will send a shiver down the spine of an industry that forms the backbone of business in the country."

"Although the UK's transport companies lead the way in terms of investing in greener and newer technology, they are not being met half-way by public investment in our roads and railways. Clearly, the political will to win votes supersedes the need to make meaningful, long-term commitments to improving our country's economic prosperity."

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RMT campaign reminders – dates for your diary

Saturday 10 April: Defending the welfare state: national march and rally

State pensions, health care, education and public services are under threat like at no other time since 1948. Join the trade union-supported protest in London on April 10.

Thursday 1st April : Branch Meeting

Come share your views concerns and suggestions with us. Get involved in the fight Remember These are **YOUR** Jobs we are fighting for

Sunday 11 April: Stop the BNP!

RMT's anti-BNP forum, 18.30 -20.30 Broadway Theatre, Broadway, Barking, IG11 7LS Hope not Hate and Billy Bragg will also be attending the Forum which will discuss the consequences of the BNP strengthening its grip and the positive alternative of uniting the local community to fight for jobs, social housing and public services.

13 April: Rail Safety Before Profit Demonstration, Lille, France

Rail unions from across Europe will lead a protest in the French city of Lille on Tuesday, April 13 against dangerous EU rules opening up rail traffic to competition which threatens safety and jobs. Free transport.

22nd June: Eighth annual RMT Garden Party for Cuba

In association with the Cuba Solidarity Campaign, at RMT's Maritime House premises. Live music, food, free bar – Tickets at £15, available soon

Also Please support the following

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http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_FwkZf2XA&feature=channel

What YOU Can Do

1. Add your name to our online petition <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/StaffOurStations/>
 2. Come to our public meeting: Wednesday 31 March, 6pm-8pm, small hall, Friends House, opposite Euston station. Speakers include the General Secretaries of both RMT and TSSA, and John McDonnell MP. Details and a poster are at <http://www.rmtplatform.org.uk/node/710>.
 3. If you have a question about London Underground's job cuts or RMT's campaign against them, email Janine@rmtlondoncalling.org.uk. Who will answer your question, and compile the most popular and relevant questions into a 'Frequently Asked Questions' leaflet.
 4. Make sure that you are a member of RMT, and that the union has your up-to-date details (address, grade, location).
 5. Encourage any of your workmates who are not yet members to join RMT. (They can do so here.)
 6. If short-staffing causes any problems where you work, report it! Make sure that an EIRF is filled in, and tell your RMT representative.
 7. Regularly check our website: www.rmtlondoncalling.org.uk, and our special 'SOS: Staff Our Stations' web page (www.rmtplatform.org.uk/sos) for updates. The latest contents include messages of support for our campaign, and news that both RMT and TSSA have told London Underground that if it does not withdraw the job cuts by this Thursday, the two unions will be in dispute with the company.
 8. Email [Janine](mailto:Janine@rmtlondoncalling.org.uk) or text 07910-202225 to order campaign materials, including leaflets for the public and our 'SOS: staff our stations' stickers. Give leaflets to your friends, family and neighbours.
 9. Talk to your RMT rep about how you can be involved with the union's campaigning.
 10. Go to your next RMT branch meeting and/or grades committee meeting. To find out when and where they meet, check the union notice case in your workplace, or email outcast@easthammer.co.uk.
 11. Raise this issue it at any other group you might be involved in e.g. community or political group.
 12. Forward the suggestions in this email to your friends, family and other e-mail contacts.
- United we can stop this jobs cull!



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National Rail Strike

Signalling staff:

Strike action between 06.00 and 10.00 hours and between 18.00 and 22.00 hours on the 6th, 7th and 8th and 9th of April.

Maintenance (infrastructure) staff:

Strike action from 06.00 hours on Tuesday 6th April to 23.59 hours on Friday 9th of April.

An overtime ban, ban on rest day working and a ban on on-call duties to be in force throughout this period for both groups of staff running through to 06.00 hours on Saturday 10th April.

This is going to cause Chaos on the Underground with numerous staff unable to make it to work lets see how the staff shortages (i.e. the posts they want to cut) shut stations, break every babysitting agreement and leave passengers vulnerable.



No Change To Ludicrous Plans

After meaningless consultation with management it is evident that LUL are going to try to proceed with the Jobs Massacre. Now its time to unite the workplace Unite the Grades and fight this ridiculous attack on our jobs and the public's safety. They say safety wont be affected lets look at this in more depth.

Example 1 – A woman travelling home alone in a vulnerable state of inebriation gets raped in the ticket hall.. **Oh but that's OK there's CCTV of which you cannot on some stations even tell the colour of the assailant and others its like watching a pirate video filmed on a camera phone from behind frosted glass**

(How reassuring).

Example 2 – A suspect package is sitting tucked under a bench out of sight of passengers yes it could be someone's sandwiches it could also be a bomb but don't worry about it it will be picked up by the staff doing security checks...

Oh no they've been put down to one a day at some stations so the other 23 hours of the day people should know better than to lose things how silly of passengers.

RMT , TSSA & ASLEF have all declared themselves in dispute over these ridiculous proposals and LUL has one hell of a fight on its hands.

Early Day Motion

John McDonnell MP has put down the following Early Day Motion in Parliament:

That this House regards the proposals by London Mayor Boris Johnson to shed up to 800 ticket office and gate line jobs on London Underground as a hugely retrograde step in terms of public service; believes that this move will fail to achieve the company's stated objective of improved customer service, and undermines long-term safety operational procedures for stations, trains and signals in order to run trains without available station staff; condemns the actions of the Mayor of London in breaking an election campaign promise that he would protect ticket offices by ensuring that they are always properly staffed; is deeply concerned that if these cuts were to take effect, London Underground would be incapable of responding to a major security alert or function efficiently during the 2012 Olympics; and calls on the Government to urge the Mayor to meet with the trade unions to re-affirm reasonable and safe staffing levels right across the London Underground network.

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<http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMDetails.aspx?EDMID=40811&SESSION=903>

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