



Tube unions will demand pay hikes for staff to cover late finish plans on weekends

- Planned extension to Tube running hours on Fri and Sat nights will mean extra pay demand
- Under the plans revealed yesterday some lines will stay open to 2am
- Unions say they are angry the plans were published before staff were told



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Union bosses will demand pay rises for running the Tube later at night, it emerged today.

Under the plan, trains on some lines could run until 2am — at least an hour later than they do now — on Fridays and Saturdays from 2015.

The Tube's three largest unions said they were angry with London Underground boss Mike Brown for announcing the plans in yesterday's Evening Standard without first telling staff or starting negotiations.

Steve Grant, of train drivers' union Aslef, said: "There will have to be major changes to shift patterns which would have a huge effect on all staff, not just drivers.

"This is definitely not just about pay. It is about changes to the working and home life of our members. We will not stand by and see any erosion of hard fought-for working conditions."

RMT leader Bob Crow said: "Major changes to operational hours mean major changes to rosters and would require the recruitment of more staff. They would also impact on maintenance, fleet and engineering works."

Manuel Cortes, leader of the TSSA union, said: "As well as safeguarding maintenance work, there are many other issues, like the health and safety of both staff and passengers, which would have to be negotiated with all the unions.

"As yet, we have had no proposals at all from Mike Brown."

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Having met Bob Crow I have to say he really is a disgusting pig of a man, it's not just TV making him seem so bad. I do not understand why new contracts are not drawn up with no strike clauses. If you don't sign find another job.

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nickthompson 27 minutes ago

Well it is not unreasonable to expect to be paid for working extra hours, especially at 2am.

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Why not just treat this like a grownup's business: Open 24/7 take on day and night staff on realistic salaries, should make a few quid.

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Anonymous 33 minutes ago

Ah well nearly FIVE YEARS and NOGO BOJO has still not met TFL workers representatives.

Seems Boris Is more more interested in his cronies than his crow-nies!

And some of you think he would become Prime Minister well given how his school mate also runs away from European leaders I suppose he has the same credentials!

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anarchist666 43 minutes ago

There is a blind gentleman who alights in central London every day and is met by a member of staff who assists him up the stairs and out of the station to street level. Such wonderful service is rare indeed. Sometimes, these guys deserve a medal, and are criticised perhaps a little too often (not least by myself).

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JasX 1 hour ago

Is this the same baseless paranoia the unions used to negotiate huge olympic bonuses for the chaos, extra workload and huge numbers of extra passengers during rush hour that never actually materialised last summer during the events? Did we actually get them repaid after the extra work they were worried about and paid the extra to cover for the most part didn't happen...

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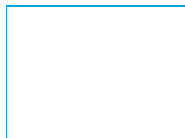
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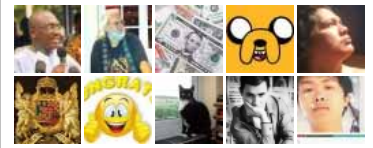
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