Transport for
Greater Manchester

TfGM Update Oct 2026 (v2)

There are a number of upcoming transport changes and events that may affect journeys across Greater Manchester over the coming weeks. This includes planned tram engineering works, major events, and ongoing rail improvements, so passengers are advised to check before they travel and allow extra time where possible.

Metrolink Improvement Until 01 November

Major track renewal works is taking place at Deansgate-Castlefield and Trafford Bar until Sunday 01 November, resulting in significant changes to some Metrolink services.

- Trams are not running on the Altrincham, Trafford Centre or Eccles lines.
- East Didsbury and Manchester Airport services are terminating at Firswood, with replacement buses available for onward travel into the City Centre.
- Rochdale services are terminating at Exchange Square.
- Replacement buses are operating from Sale, Chorlton, MediaCityUK and the Trafford Centre towards Deansgate-Castlefield and Piccadilly.
- Other Metrolink services will continue to operate during the works.

Normal tram services on the affected lines are expected to resume from the start of service on Monday 02 November. Replacement bus stops and timetables will be published ahead of the works.

For information on upcoming Metrolink improvement works, service changes and travel advice, please visit Tram improvement works and disruptions | Bee Network | Powered by TfGM for more information.

Transpennine Route Upgrade (TRU)

TRU Church Fenton 24 Oct to 02 Nov

Services between Leeds and York will be disrupted, with changes to a number of services travelling from Greater Manchester towards York and the North East.

Some services will terminate early, meaning passengers may need to change services or use rail replacement buses to complete their journey.

Please check https://www.tpexpress.co.uk/travel-updates/planned-engineering-work or https://thetrupgrade.co.uk/yourstation/upcomingclosures/ for more information.

New *'Beat Network'* Map

A new Bee Network Rail Integration Ambassador programme has launched, bringing together leaders from business, education and the voluntary sector to champion the next phase of rail integration. Ambassadors will help share updates and gather feedback as plans develop.

New Plans for Stockport Station

- Plans have been unveiled to transform Stockport Station into a modern, more accessible and better-connected transport hub.
- The consultation is open until 17 November, giving local people the opportunity to have their say and help shape the next stage of the plans.
- Drop-in events will take place at:
    - Stockport Exchange 02 on 04 November
    - Our Lady's Primary School, Edgeley on 09 November.

M6 Thelwall Viaduct Works

- Long-term roadworks are underway on the M6 at Thelwall Viaduct, between junctions 20 and 21.
- A 24-hour contraflow and 40mph speed limit will be in place while National Highways carries out bridge joint replacement works.
- The first phase focuses on the northbound carriageway.
- For more information, please check M6 Thelwall Viaduct bridge joint replacement scheme - National Highways

Upcoming Events

Several events are taking place across Greater Manchester during October, which may lead to increased demand on public transport and local roads:

- **23, 24 & 25 Oct:** Westlife, Co-op Live
- **24 Oct:** Cody Johnson, AO Arena
- **25 Oct:** D Block Europe, AO Arena
- **25 Oct:** Manchester United v Bournemouth, Old Trafford
- **26 Oct:** The Strokes, Co-op Live
- **28 Oct:** Manchester City v Brighton, Etihad
- **28 & 29 Oct:** J. Cole, Co-op Live
- **29 Oct:** Project Halloween, Warehouse Project
- **31 Oct:** Salford Firework Weekend, Buile Hill Park
- **31 Oct:** Manchester City v Brighton, Etihad
- **31 Oct:** Korn, AO Arena
- **31 Oct:** Manic Street Preachers, Co-op Live

- **03 Nov:** Manchester United v Roma, Old Trafford
- **06 Nov:** Papa Roach, Co-op Live
- **06 Nov to 22 Dec:** Manchester Christmas Markets
- **07 Nov:** Bonfire Night Events, Heaton Park / Platt Field Park / Wythenshawe Park
- **07 Nov:** Buatsi v Hutchinson, AO Arena
- **07 Nov:** The Script, Co-op Live
- **08 Nov:** Remembrance Sunday, City Centre
- **08 Nov:** Manchester United v Aston Villa, Old Trafford
- **08 Nov:** Stevie Wonder, Co-op Live

Bee Network Rail Integration

What is Changing

Rail services are being brought into the Bee Network to make travel simpler and easier to use. This will improve connections between trains, buses, and trams so journeys are more joined-up.

When Changes Will Happen

The first rail lines join in December 2026. More lines will be added in 2027 and 2028. By 2030, all local stations in Greater Manchester will be part of the Bee Network.

What Passengers Will Notice

Passengers will see simpler tickets that work across bus, tram, and train. Contactless *'tap and go'* will be introduced at some stations from December 2026. Travel information will be easier to access through the Bee Network app, including live train times and disruption updates. Stations will also be improved with clearer signage, better information screens, and upgraded help points.

Accessibility Improvements

More stations are being made step-free, helping people travel more easily and independently.

What Has Already Improved

Rail fares are now simpler and better value. Tickets can be used across trains, tram, and bus during disruption. More station and accessibility information is already available online and in the Bee Network app.

Why This Matters

These changes will make travel easier to understand and use, improve access to jobs and services, and create a more reliable and joined-up transport system for Greater Manchester communities.

Please Note

The information in this update is correct at the time of writing. However, plans for the Bee Network and Rail Integration are continuing to develop, and details may change as the programme progresses. We will share further updates as more information becomes available.