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Customers reminded of 17-week closure of Northern line's Bank branch

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Transport for London is reminding its customers that a major closure on the London Underground to bring step-free access to the northern line and improve journeys starts Saturday 15 January.

The closure of the Northern line's Bank branch will last 17 weeks and allow for the completion of critical work on the brand-new Northern line tunnel and passenger concourse at Bank Tube station as part of the Bank Station Capacity Upgrade.

To lessen the effects of the closure, which also means a reduced service between Camden Town and Moorgate, an enhanced service with a train at least every two minutes is operating throughout on the Charing Cross branch of the Northern line during peak periods.

There will also be additional bus support.

Customers are asked to travel at quieter times or use alternative routes during the closure, as many lines and stations across central London will be busier.

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Deputy Mayor for Transport, Seb Dance, said: "The renovation and upgrade at Bank station is essential to increase the capacity of this central London hub and help improve passengers' journeys. In addition to a new entrance, passengers will also benefit from step-free access to the Northern line and quicker, easier journeys once the work is complete.

"As with any major improvement project, there is likely to be some disruption, however TfL are doing all they can to minimise this. There will be alternative routes to help passengers complete their journeys, including a new bus route and extra capacity on the Charing Cross branch of the Northern line.

"I encourage customers to check before they travel and leave more time to complete their journey while the upgrade work is taking place."

Check journeys here.