

# TransPennine Express warns of Easter strikes

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TransPennine Express (TPE) has asked customers not to use its services over the Easter weekend — including those heading to Wembley to watch the Manchester City v Liverpool FA Cup semi-final.

It says a strike by the RMT is taking place on Easter Saturday and Sunday that will cause significant disruption to services across the North and into Scotland.

Accordingly, the operator will only be running a limited service on these dates and is recommending customers avoid travel and make their journeys either side of the affected weekend instead.

Those attending events over the course of the weekend, including the Manchester City v Liverpool FA Cup semi-final, it says, should plan ahead and seek alternative transport.

Major infrastructure upgrades over the Easter bank holiday weekend will also mean fewer trains and some bus replacements will run. More information including the Football Association's travel advice can be found via the Network Rail website ([networkrail.co.uk/wcml](https://www.networkrail.co.uk/wcml)).

Anyone planning on using TPE services on Easter Saturday and Sunday should travel only if they absolutely have to, and are advised to plan ahead, allow extra time and check carefully before travelling

as trains will be very busy and short notice changes and cancellations are likely.

Kathryn O'Brien, Customer Experience Director for TransPennine Express said: "Easter is such a special time for many, with people making plans to see family or friends, or to enjoy a day out or trip away.

"Sadly, strike action by RMT means there will be major disruption to our services over the bank holiday weekend, and we are recommending people avoid travel on Easter Saturday and Sunday.

"With major events including the Manchester City v Liverpool FA Cup semi-final planned to take place over the affected dates, we are urging people to plan ahead and seek alternative transport."

Further strikes by RMT are planned to take place on Sundays from 10 April up to and including 5 June, and on the following weekends: 16 and 17 April, Saturday 30 April and Sunday 1 May and Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 June.

The latest information on the strike action can be found at [tpexpress.co.uk/travel-updates/strike](https://tpexpress.co.uk/travel-updates/strike). Finalised timetables showing what TPE is planning to operate over the Easter weekend will be added to this page on 13 April.