

09 February 2022

Dear Stakeholder,

Limited timetable for Sundays due to RMT industrial action

I hope you are well. In previous correspondence (21 January 2022), I outlined that the RMT union had announced its train conductor members employed at TransPennine Express would take strike action on four consecutive Sundays: 13, 20 and 27 February and 06 March. There is also some associated withdrawal of co-operation in relation to overtime and revenue collection from 14 February onwards.

The decision of RMT to take strike action puts at threat the ongoing work to restore TPE's customer volumes which are at only two-thirds of pre-COVID levels and whose recovery has been further impaired due to the Omicron variant. At a time when the taxpayer is providing considerable levels of funding to support the railway, the damage the RMT's dispute will have on customer demand and industry revenue will be significant, particularly as demand for weekend leisure travel is strong.

As a result of the RMT strike action, on Sunday 13 February we will only be able to operate a very limited, and heavily reduced, service on the following routes:

- Manchester Piccadilly – York via Huddersfield and Leeds
- York – Scarborough
- Cleethorpes – Doncaster
- Doncaster/Sheffield – Manchester Piccadilly
- Edinburgh – Carlisle

We are unable to operate services on any other parts of our network, including to/from Manchester Airport and are advising our customers not to travel on the affected Sundays. We hope we may be able to add other routes to this level of service provision on subsequent Sundays, but that is not assured.

To help customers get where they need to be – and to demonstrate collaborative work amongst train operators – ticket acceptance is in place with LNER, Northern, Avanti West Coast, Transport for Wales, CrossCountry and East Midlands Railway (full details are on our website). Refunds will be available to customers who have booked tickets and decide they no longer wish to travel on affected Sundays due to the strike action.

In the appendix to this letter, I have listed the core timetable we plan to operate on 13 February. This is our

anticipated timetable however, actual service delivery will be affected by the resources available on the day. To keep you updated, my team will write to you in advance of each of the subsequent days of strike action with a revised list outlining what services we expect to operate. We apologise to customers for the disruption they will experience due to this strike. Please let me know if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

Matthew Golton,

Managing Director

Appendix: On Sundays, when the RMT is taking industrial action, we will seek to operate the following timetable. For Sunday 13 February the services in **red** are unable to operate and will be cancelled in advance (exact train running is subject to staffing availability each Sunday which is confirmed nearer the time; customers are advised not to travel and, if they do, to check the status of their journey before they travel):

Cleethorpes – Doncaster:

- 10.26 Cleethorpes – Doncaster
- 11.45 Doncaster – Cleethorpes
- 12.26 Cleethorpes – Doncaster
- 13.43 Doncaster – Cleethorpes
- **14.26 Cleethorpes – Doncaster**
- **15.43 Doncaster – Cleethorpes**
- 16.26 Cleethorpes – Doncaster
- 17.45 Doncaster – Cleethorpes

Edinburgh – Carlisle:

- 10.13 Edinburgh – Carlisle
- 12.20 Carlisle – Edinburgh
- 14.12 Edinburgh – Carlisle
- 16.14 Carlisle – Edinburgh

Hull – Leeds:

- **10.09 Hull – Leeds**
- **11.34 Leeds – Hull**
- **14.09 Hull – Leeds**
- **15.34 Leeds – Hull**

Manchester Piccadilly – York via Huddersfield and Leeds:

- 09.30 Manchester Piccadilly – York
- 10.18 York - Manchester Piccadilly
- **11.30 Manchester Piccadilly – York**
- 11.49 York - Manchester Piccadilly
- 12.17 York - Manchester Piccadilly
- 13.27 Manchester Piccadilly – York

- 13.49 **York - Manchester Piccadilly**
- 14.17 York – Leeds
- 14.30 Manchester Piccadilly – York
- 14.42 Leeds - Manchester Piccadilly
- 15.27 Manchester Piccadilly – York
- 15.49 York - Manchester Piccadilly
- 16.17 York - Manchester Piccadilly
- 16.30 Manchester Piccadilly – York
- 17.30 Manchester Piccadilly – York
- 17.51 York – Leeds
- 18.18 York - Manchester Piccadilly
- 18.19 Leeds - Manchester Piccadilly
- 19.30 Manchester Piccadilly – Leeds
- 20.44 Leeds - York

Edinburgh – Newcastle:

- 11.56 **Newcastle – Edinburgh**
- 14.25 **Edinburgh – Newcastle**

Doncaster/Sheffield – Manchester Piccadilly:

- 09.11 Sheffield - Manchester Piccadilly
- 10.14 Manchester Piccadilly – Doncaster
- 11.44 Doncaster - Manchester Piccadilly
- 14.11 Sheffield - Manchester Piccadilly
- 14.19 Manchester Piccadilly – Doncaster
- 15.43 Doncaster – Sheffield
- 16.19 Manchester Piccadilly – Sheffield
- 17.10 Sheffield – Doncaster
- 17.43 Doncaster – Sheffield
- 18.11 Sheffield - Manchester Piccadilly
- 19.19 Manchester Piccadilly – Sheffield

York – Scarborough:

- 11.00 York – Scarborough
- 12.32 Scarborough – York
- 13.00 York – Scarborough
- 14.32 Scarborough – York
- 15.00 York – Scarborough
- 16.00 York – Scarborough
- 16.32 Scarborough – York
- 17.32 Scarborough – York

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