

Southampton Tunnel - Rail Work

December 2009 and January 2010

Work to allow the latest container trains full access to Southampton Docks will take place from **Saturday 5 December to Sunday 10 January**. During this time the tunnel at the "London" end of Southampton Central station will be closed each Saturday and Sunday. On Monday to Friday a reduced train service will run through the tunnel and a special timetable will apply.

From **Sunday 27 December to Monday 4 January** (Christmas / New Year holiday period) Southampton Tunnel will be closed completely. All train services in the Southampton area will be altered and some services will be replaced by buses for parts of their journeys.

Work to lower the tracks through Southampton Tunnel will take place from 5 December 2009 to 10 January 2010. At the moment the latest (slightly larger) containers need to be carried on special wagons to reach Southampton Docks. This work (and work elsewhere in the area) will allow all containers currently in use to be carried on standard wagons to and from the Docks.

Other work will also be done during this time, including replacement of a bridge and track renewals at St Denys and some work at Swaythling station.

For much of the time work will be done on one track only through the tunnel, leaving the other line open for trains. The signalling system will allow us to run most of the normal train service through the tunnel, but some train services will have to be altered as shown below. **For nearly all journeys during the working week you will be able to travel through the tunnel by train**, although for some journeys you may need to change trains in the Southampton area.

Tunnel Closures from Monday 30 November

Weekdays - The tunnel will be completely closed each weekday night from about 23.15 to 05.45 and trains due to pass through during this period will be either diverted or replaced by buses. On Friday evenings the tunnel will remain open until the 00.05 train (Saturday morning) from London Waterloo has passed through, and on Monday mornings one line will open for the first timetabled train.

Saturday and Sunday during this period - The tunnel will be completely closed each Saturday and Sunday with diversions and replacement bus services running as shown below.

Christmas and New Year - The tunnel will also be completely closed from 25 December to 4 January, which will affect those who need to travel to work by train between the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Train Services 7 - 24 December and 5 - 10 January

Monday to Friday from about 09.00 to 16.00

A special timetable will be issued for this period. A summary of the train service which will run is shown below.

Monday to Friday “peak” services

We will make maximum use of the line through the tunnel to run as near normal a peak service as we can. For most of our customers your normal train will run although there may be some re-timings.

Monday to Friday “off peak” - from about 0900 to 1600

The following train services will **run through Southampton Tunnel** with minor re-timings:

- South West Trains services between London Waterloo and Weymouth (2 per hour each way)
- Cross Country services between Bournemouth and Manchester (1 per hour each way)
- First Great Western services between Portsmouth and Cardiff (1 per hour each way)
- Southern services between Southampton Central and London Victoria (1 per hour each way)
- Salisbury - Southampton - Romsey stopping services (1 per hour each way)

The following services will be **altered** in the Southampton area:

- **Stopping trains between London Waterloo and Poole** will run between London Waterloo and Eastleigh with bus connection between Eastleigh and Southampton Airport Parkway (to connect with the Weymouth trains). Trains will also run between Southampton Central and Poole. Trains **from** Southampton Central will run about 30 minutes later than normal to Brockenhurst, then as the normal timetable.
- The South West Trains **stopping service between Southampton and Portsmouth** will start from / terminate at **St Denys**. The Salisbury - Southampton - Romsey services will be held a few minutes as necessary to maintain connections at St Denys.
- **Southern services between Southampton Central and Brighton** will start from / terminate at **Woolston**. A fast bus connection will run between Woolston and Southampton Central.
- **First Great Western services to and from Brighton** will call at Eastleigh instead of Southampton Central.

Fewer trains are timetabled early morning and late evening and most will be able to run through the tunnel, except during the overnight closures.

Weekend / Christmas Holiday services

Southampton Tunnel will be completely closed during the following periods and **buses will replace all train services in the areas shown**. Timetables for these periods will be posted on the “engineering work calendar” pages as they become available and will be displayed at the stations concerned.

5 / 6 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Between Southampton Central and Southampton Airport Parkway (Eastleigh on Sunday)• Between Southampton Central and Woolston
12 / 13 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Between Southampton Central and Southampton Airport Parkway (Eastleigh on Sunday)• Between Southampton Central and Netley
19 / 20 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Between Southampton Central and Southampton Airport Parkway (Eastleigh on Sunday)• Between Southampton Central and Netley
25 and 26 December	- No service on South West Trains
27 December - 4 January (holiday period)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Between Southampton Central and Southampton Airport Parkway (Eastleigh on the Sundays)• Between Southampton Central and Woolston (Netley on Saturday and the Sundays. also on Monday 28 December)
9 / 10 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Between Southampton Central and Southampton Airport Parkway (Eastleigh on Sunday)• Between Southampton Central and Netley
11 January	-Tunnel re-opens fully and the normal timetable will run.