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Subject: Changes to the RV1 service

Dear Stakeholder,

I am writing to inform you about changes to the RV1 bus service running between Covent Garden and Tower Gateway. From Saturday 10 February the frequency of the service will be reduced from six buses an hour to three buses an hour. The route is currently diverted away from Tooley Street because of construction at London Bridge Station.

We are making this change because demand for the RV1 has fallen significantly over the last 12 months. There are currently three services which run parallel to the RV1 and a number of other alternatives. The 381 bus runs parallel between Waterloo and City Hall and the 78 and 42 run parallel between City Hall and Tower Gateway. In addition there are a number of bus services between Waterloo and Aldwych and the Jubilee line provides another option between Waterloo and London Bridge.

Regular users of the RV1 service will be informed of the changes via targeted emails and information will be included on the TfL website listing permanent bus changes: <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/buses/permanent-bus-changes?cid=permbuschanges>

With the arrival of the Elizabeth line, the transformation of Oxford Street, new cycling routes and TfL Rail services, we are reviewing the bus network. This will ensure that services match demand. Removing excess capacity and better bus priority will help buses run more efficiently in congested areas, particularly in central London. This will stimulate demand as bus journeys become more reliable.

These changes will support our wider plan for 'healthy streets', including helping to manage congestion (including bus congestion), reducing air pollution, and enabling wider improvements for walking, cycling and place-making.

Kind regards,

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