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Olympic Park travel advice for runners and revellers this weekend

CityRail is advising customers heading to Olympic Park for events this weekend to plan ahead and allow extra travel time.

Chief Operating Officer Tony Eid said many lines across the network will be affected by scheduled weekend trackwork.

“Buses will replace trains between Olympic Park and Lidcombe throughout the weekend and special transport arrangements will be in place for customers attending the Kings of Leon concert on Saturday 5 November and participants in the Sun Herald Run4Fun on Sunday 6 November.

“Direct buses to Olympic Park will operate from Bankstown, North Strathfield, Parramatta and Merrylands stations from 4pm on Saturday for the music goers heading to the final Kings of Leon concert at Allphones Arena,” he said.

“Concert goers returning home after the concert will be able to take buses from Olympic Park back to the same stations until 12.30am.”

The Kings of Leon concert at Allphones Arena on Friday 4 November will not be affected by the trackwork.

For customers travelling to the Run4Fun event at Olympic Park on Sunday, CityRail is advising participants to travel by train to Bankstown, Strathfield, Parramatta or Merrylands stations for a connecting bus service to Lidcombe station.

Participants can then change for buses that will run every 10 minutes from Lidcombe to Olympic Park throughout the day.

“Trackwork is planned more than a year in advance and is critical in helping improve the network, so we thank customers for their patience while these important upgrades take place,” Mr Eid said.

RailCorp is investing around \$6 million to upgrade the track between Lidcombe and Granville including replacing older timber sleepers with

concrete sleepers, track reconditioning to maintain the safety and reliability of the line.

Other lines affected by the upgrades over the weekend include sections of the Bankstown, Inner West, South, Carlingford, Western and Blue Mountains lines:

“Customers should visit www.131500.com.au or call the Transport InfoLine on 131500 for information on how the trackwork might affect them,” Mr Eid said

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Weekend Trackwork for CityRail Network 5 - 6 November

Bankstown and Inner West Lines

Buses replace trains between Bankstown and Strathfield via Regents Park.

South Line

Buses replace trains between Merrylands and Strathfield via Granville.

Carlingford Line

Buses replace trains between Carlingford and Clyde. These services extend to Lidcombe / Strathfield.

Western Line

Buses replace trains between Parramatta and Strathfield.

Blue Mountains Line

Buses replace trains between Blacktown and Wynyard / Central.