

Making the capital healthy

Have you had your say yet on the Mayor's plans to reshape London's public transport over the next 25 years?

YOU have just one more month to comment on the Mayor's ambitious proposals that put the health and wellbeing of Londoners at the heart of planning the city.

As London's population continues to grow at a rapid rate – from 8.7million today to an estimated 10.5million by 2041 – changing the way people travel is vitally important. Mayor Sadiq Khan's new initiative, called



the Healthy Streets Approach, sets out a bold vision for travel. It involves getting people to

move away from using cars to walking, cycling or using public transport instead.

Investment in walking and cycling

Among the plans, streets will be designed to make them pleasant places to move about so that people will choose to walk or cycle as part of their daily routines.

Most people can get the minimum physical activity they need to stay healthy by simply walking or cycling part of the trips they already do, and the Mayor's plans will encourage all Londoners to do at least 20 minutes active travel every day.

For journeys that are too long to walk or cycle, the aim is for these to be made by public transport, with stations, stops and streets designed to encourage people to be more active.

The goal is that by 2041, 80 per cent of all Londoners' trips will be made on foot, by cycle or by public transport, rather than using cars.

Safer streets

People need to feel safe on the streets if they are to walk and cycle, and so

reducing road danger is central to the creation of healthy streets.

The Mayor wants to see deaths and serious injuries from road collisions eliminated by 2041. Designing streets that encourage lower speeds and demanding safer standards for buses and lorries will help to make this happen.

With transport emissions harming health and contributing to climate change, tackling pollution is also high on the agenda.

The target is to greatly improve air quality across the capital, and make London's entire transport system zero emission by 2050.

'I'm setting out a new long-term vision for our capital – one that puts walking, cycling and zero-emission public transport right at the heart of our day-to-day lives,' said Mayor Sadiq Khan.

'Only by focusing on active travel, providing efficient zero-emission transport and reducing our dependency on cars, can we improve the health of Londoners, support economic growth, deliver homes

and jobs, and make our city an even better place to live.'



Richard does more than just drive a bus

En route to Ealing Broadway he helped an elderly man get a priority seat and also woke up the gentleman at the back in time for his stop.



Traffic information for the capital

A406 Staples Corner flyover Until September 20, 5am

Various lane and road closures will be in place and full closure of the flyover from 10pm on Friday until 5am Monday (plus the following weekend) for essential works.

Farringdon Street Weekends, Saturday, 7am to September 25, 5am

Road closed, northbound, at the junction of Stonecutter Street for utility works.

Twickenham Rugby Stadium Saturday, 11am to 11pm

Heavy traffic and large crowds expected in the area for two Premiership rugby games: Saracens v Northampton (kick-off 2pm); and London Irish v Harlequins (kick-off 4.45pm).

Victoria Street area Friday, 9pm to September 8, 5am

Roads closed this weekend until 5am Monday, plus overnight closures throughout the week affecting Buckingham Palace Road, Bressenden Place and Victoria Street for resurfacing works.

Wembley Stadium Monday, 4.30pm to midnight

Heavy traffic and large crowds expected in the area for the World Cup 2018 qualifier, England v Slovakia. Kick-off is at 7.45pm.

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TfL consultations

Have your say

The Mayor would like to hear your views on his draft transport strategy.

To fill in the consultation questionnaire, go to tfl.gov.uk/mayors-transport-strategy. Or you can email your comments to consultations@tfl.gov.uk or send by post to FREEPOST TFL CONSULTATIONS.

■ The public consultation is open until 2 October.

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