

An Underground fit for the future



Passengers at West Ham station

MILLIONS of people will be getting faster, more frequent and reliable services when the next four Tube lines are modernised.

Work will start later this year on the Circle, Metropolitan, District and Hammersmith & City line upgrades – 40 per cent of the network – and customers will see the full benefits by 2022.

The four lines, which include some of the oldest parts of the Underground system built in 1863, carry 1.3 million passengers a day – more than many European countries carry on their entire rail networks.

The details come as London Underground (LU) announces it is set to meet the Mayor's target of reducing Tube delays by 30 per cent by the end of the year.

Next phase

This next major phase in the Underground's modernisation will involve introducing new control systems on the lines so more trains are able to run. On the Circle line alone, it will more than double the number of services.

These latest plans complete the £5.54 billion investment to modernise the lines which include 191 new air-conditioned walk-through trains that are already

running on the Metropolitan, Circle and Hammersmith & City lines and on some District line services. The investment also covers new track, longer platforms and upgraded depots using advanced technology for train reliability.

Mayor Boris Johnson said: 'Our plans are all about giving the Tube the tools it needs.'

'By upgrading 40 per cent of the Tube network we will create space for tens of thousands of extra passengers each hour. This will help to ensure London's position as the greatest global city and its reputation as a fantastic place to live, work and visit.'

In the last five years, LU's modernisation and improvement plans have had a huge impact:

- Customer satisfaction, capacity and journey numbers have risen to record levels
- Passenger journeys are now on average two minutes quicker
- Delays have been cut by 43 per cent
- Crime has fallen by more than one third – its lowest ever level
- Improvements have helped create 3,500 new apprenticeships
- The cost of transporting each passenger has reduced by nearly a fifth



Enjoy London night flights

FROM Saturday, the Emirates Air Line will offer a new 'Night Flight' experience with later opening hours, a longer flight time and complimentary music and video entertainment in cabins and at the terminals.

Between Sunday and Thursday, passengers will be able to fly until 10pm and on Friday and Saturday nights the London cable car will close at 11pm.

The later opening will continue throughout the summer, ensuring customers can sit back, relax and enjoy the unique aerial views of fantastic sunsets or the spectacular lights and colours of London after dark.

For more information, visit www.emiratesairline.co.uk

■ More than five million people have now flown on the cable car



Reporting anything unusual won't hurt you

If you see any unattended items or suspicious activity, report it to a member of staff or the police immediately. For your safety and security, CCTV is in use across the network.



MAYOR OF LONDON



Traffic information for the capital

A3 Kennington Park Road March 22, 10pm to December 31, 6pm

Oval Triangle improvement works at the junction of Clapham Road and Camberwell New Road.

Vauxhall Bridge Road March 24, 8am to March 27, 5pm

Southbound carriageway reduced to one lane at the junction of Gillingham Street for utility works.

A406 Lea Valley Viaduct March 27, 10pm to March 30, 5am

Eastbound carriageway will be closed for essential maintenance works. A diversion will be in place.

Wembley Stadium March 27 and 28

Football and rugby matches over the weekend with kick-off at 7.45pm on Saturday and 3.15pm on Sunday.

Hounslow area March 29, 11am to 6pm

A procession will take place starting and finishing at Hibernia Road, via Staines Road and Bath Road.

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