



Date now set for Night Tube launch

Night Tube services will run on the first two lines from Friday August 19.

LONDONERS will enjoy the first 24-hour weekend Tube travel in the capital's history on the Central and Victoria lines this summer after the Mayor Sadiq Khan announced the plans.

The start of Night Tube services on the Jubilee, Northern and Piccadilly lines will follow in two separate phases later in the autumn as new Tube drivers complete their training and final preparations are made.

The service will help cut night-time journeys by an average of 20 minutes, with some travel reduced by more than an hour, helping revellers and shift-workers who rely on public transport to get back to outer London.

The 24-hour Tube is expected to play a

vital role in the capital opening up a host of new opportunities, supporting around 2,000 permanent jobs and boosting London's night-time economy by £360m.

Demand for night-time travel is on the rise. Late night Tube usage is increasing at double the rate of daytime trips and demand for travel on night buses has risen by more than 170 per cent since 2000.

To meet the expected demand for Night Tube services, there will be six trains an hour through central London on all Night Tube lines between 12.30am and 5.30am. This will rise to eight trains an hour on the Northern line to meet demand at busy stations between Leicester Square and Camden Town.

All aboard the midnight train

The Night Tube will mean Londoners and visitors to the capital can travel on the following lines on Friday and Saturday nights, and the early hours of Saturday and Sunday mornings:

- **Central line:** between Ealing Broadway and Loughton/Hainault
- **Victoria line:** entire line
- **Jubilee line:** entire line
- **Northern line:** entire line except on the Mill Hill East and Bank branches
- **Piccadilly line:** between Cockfosters and Heathrow Terminal 5



Water way to pay for travel

CUSTOMERS travelling on river bus services can now pay as they go using contactless payments.

Already popular on bus, Tube, tram and most National Rail services into London, the payment method can now be used on all MBNA Thames Clippers River Bus routes, which cover around 28km of the Thames between Putney and Woolwich Arsenal.

Journeys using contactless payments cost adults the same as using an Oyster card. Travel is charged according to three river zones – west, central and east.

Customers touch in on the card reader with a contactless payment card or mobile device and then touch out again at the end of the journey, or when changing boats.

The introduction of contactless payments is just one of a number of developments by TfL to encourage more use of the river and increase



the number of passenger journeys along the Thames to 12million a year by 2020.

A range of improvements have been made in recent years, including changes to the look of the piers, improved signs and better provision of live River Bus information. Also, two piers are being extended at Bankside and Westminster to boost capacity and allow more boats to call there.

Around 500,000 journeys have been made along the Thames using Oyster pay as you go since it was introduced on MBNA Thames Clippers River Bus services last September.

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Word on the tweet



PASSENGERS have the chance to ask questions about their train line this week as part of TfL's Tweet the Manager series.

Whether you want to know about plans for the future, station developments or have general questions, now is your chance to get in touch.

TfL Rail

This evening from 7pm, TfL Rail manager Howard Smith will be available on the @TfLRail twitter account, and customers can ask questions using the hashtag #AskTfLRail.

Metropolitan line

Tomorrow afternoon from 1pm, Metropolitan line passengers can pose their questions to manager Nick Dent about the service, future plans and the forthcoming works.

To get involved with the @metline conversation, just type your question with the hashtag #AskMetline.

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