

£17m for boroughs to boost cycling

TRANSPORT for London (TfL) has awarded more than £17million to boroughs across the capital so they can make key cycling improvements.

The money, which will be made available over three years, will enable boroughs to introduce measures to help increase cycling and make London more easily accessible and safer.

Thousands of cycle parking spaces will be installed across the capital, with more than 5,000 delivered in Kensington & Chelsea and Waltham Forest alone.

Londoners will also benefit from bespoke cycle training, and around

15,000 drivers will take part in 'Safer Urban Driver' courses. In addition, boroughs such as Ealing will be giving HGV drivers specific cyclist awareness training to help reduce the number of accidents between lorries and cyclists.

Mayor Boris Johnson said: 'As part of my Cycling Vision, we are engaging in a vast £1billion programme of improvements to transform cycling in London. Making some of this money available directly to the boroughs will help ensure that cycling developments reach communities across the capital.'

'These local schemes will add to the innovative measures we've already announced, including enhanced cycling superhighways, urban 'Quietways' for more cautious cyclists, and turning some outer boroughs into mini-Hollands.'

■ For more information on the Mayor's Cycling Vision, visit tfl.gov.uk/cyclingvision



➤ DLR strike called off

THE RMT union has cancelled its planned strike action on the DLR on 29 and 30 January. DLR services will continue to run as normal.

New signals make cycling safer

THE first low-level traffic signals, designed to help cyclists, are now operating at Bow roundabout in East London, following extensive safety trials by Transport for London (TfL).

This forms part of the Mayor's Vision for Cycling in London, a £913million plan to transform cycling in the capital.

Low-level cycle signals have been commonplace in certain parts of Europe for many years, but have never been approved for use in the UK. During off-street trials, which were carried out with the Department for Transport last year, more than 80

per cent of cyclists favoured them. These signals duplicate those displayed on main traffic lights at the eye level of cyclists.

Leon Daniels, managing director of Surface Transport at TfL, said: 'Throughout 2014 we will be working to improve more junctions with these signals as well as continuing to redesign the capital's roads to make them safer for all road users, especially cyclists.'

■ Find out more information about cycling in London at tfl.gov.uk/cycling

Traffic information for the capital

For a full list of traffic information, go to tfl.gov.uk/trafficnews

High Road (Haringey) Jan 31, 9pm to Feb 2, 12 noon

High Road (at the junction of Broad Lane) will be closed southbound with a banned right hand turn into West Green Road for water works.

Westminster area February 2, 7am to 8pm

Pall Mall East, Duncannon Street and Dean Street (between Shaftesbury Avenue and Old

Compton Street) will be closed from 7am for an event. From 9am to 8pm a number of roads in the Westminster area will be closed. Buses will be diverted around the closures.

Bruce Grove (Tottenham) February 3, 10pm to April 30, 5.30am

Bruce Grove (at the junction of High Road) will be closed for bridge refurbishment works. There will be no works during Fore Street tunnel maintenance closures and Tottenham home games.

Hammersmith Bridge Ongoing until 28 Feb, 3pm

Works require the southbound closure of the Hammersmith Bridge: Monday to Friday 7am to 3pm (ongoing to Feb 28). There will be full bridge closure on three weekends (January 25-26, February 1-2 and February 8-9).

Parliament Square Ongoing until March 21, 5pm

There will be various road and lane closures at Parliament Square (at the junction of Broad Sanctuary) for highway works.

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