

Transformation at Bishopsgate

BOLD CHANGES IN THE AREA ARE CREATING MORE SPACE FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS

NEW traffic restrictions have been rolled out between Shoreditch and London Bridge to create more space for people to travel actively while maintaining social distancing, particularly at busy times.

The temporary restrictions on Bishopsgate and Gracechurch Street in the City of London will be in operation on weekdays between 7am and 7pm.

They will make it safer and easier for people to cycle into central London, while wider footways have been constructed

along the corridor and are giving people more space to walk.

A number of banned turns will be in operation 24 hours a day, although these temporary measures will continue to provide access for servicing and taxis for most of the busy corridor.

From Middlesex Street to Liverpool Street, and from Leadenhall Street to Fenchurch Street, access to vehicles is restricted between 7am and 7pm. Access to buildings on these streets will be from

either end of these sections, although direct access will remain at all other times.

As London's safe public transport capacity continues to be restricted while social distancing measures remain, millions of journeys a day will need to be made by other means. If people switch these journeys to cars, London risks grinding to a halt, air quality will worsen, and road danger will increase. These new measures will reduce the level of traffic on the roads, minimising bus journey times, while providing more space for people to walk and cycle, and avoiding overcrowding.

Mayor Sadiq Khan said: 'With increasing numbers of people returning to central London, it's more important than ever that we do all we can to avoid a car-based recovery which would damage Londoners' health and the economy.'



Best foot forward: Wider footways at Bishopsgate encourage walking

'By creating more space to walk and cycle, our world-leading Streetspace for London plans are helping support a sustainable recovery for our city.'

MAKING SPACE

Since May this year, the Streetspace for London plan has led to more than 50km of new or upgraded cycle infrastructure being built or currently under construction. More than 16,500 square metres of extra pavement space has also been created on Tfl's roads.

Tfl has also installed 1,540 extra cycle parking spaces around high streets and transport hubs.

Work on a 3.7km temporary upgrade to CS7 in southwest London has now been completed, helping to relieve pressure on public transport for people travelling between the area, central London and beyond.

Other low-traffic corridors in central London are being planned, including at Holborn.

For more information on the scheme, visit tfl.gov.uk/streetspace



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MAYOR OF LONDON



Getting active

TO complement the latest wave of temporary walking and cycling infrastructure introduced as part of the Streetspace for London plan, Tfl has launched a new advertising campaign promoting the physical and mental health benefits of active travel.

The 'Now is the Time' campaign (see right), which will run across posters and TV, aims to inspire people to enjoy the benefits of walking and cycling, whether on their journey to work, school or the local shops.

Tfl has also teamed up with the walking and cycling charity Sustrans to introduce the Space to Move map, which highlights the changes being made to promote active travel across London.

This shows people where Tfl and the London boroughs are making it easier to walk and cycle safely, and provides an opportunity for feedback.

Using the map, people can search their area for new walking and cycling infrastructure and share their views on the changes with Tfl.

For more information and details of the map, visit www.sustrans.org.uk/space-to-move



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