

The 2012 Games: A legacy for London



THIS time last year, final preparations for world's biggest sporting spectacle were being put in place and the capital's transport network was gearing up for record numbers of passengers.

Years of planning went into making sure everything ran smoothly and now a new report, published by Transport for London (TfL), highlights how

record levels of investment in the run-up to the Games has left a lasting legacy that will benefit the city for years to come.

The Games also provided an opportunity to change how people travel, and TfL is building on this approach to continue managing demand on the capital's network, particularly during large-scale events and disruption caused by improvement works.

London's Transport Commissioner Sir Peter Hendy said: 'Transport played a pivotal role in the success of the London 2012 Games and the great steps we took to ensure it happened will not fade with time.'

TfL is now working to build on this legacy through further

investment in new, upgraded and extended transport links. Learning from the experience of the Games, the Mayor's Roads Task Force has developed a plan to revolutionise London's roads and public spaces to cut congestion and encourage more cycling and walking.

Regeneration around the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park area continues, with additional carriages on London Overground to increase peak capacity, devolution of suburban rail services in North-East London, enhanced services along the West Anglia Main Line and from Tottenham to Angel Road, and proposed new river crossings at Silvertown and Gallions Reach.

An Olympian transport boost

Londoners are already benefiting from:

- Fifty per cent more capacity on the Docklands Light Railway (DLR) plus an extension to Woolwich and Stratford International
- Extra capacity on the Central and Jubilee lines
- Refurbished and extended London Overground services now that the 'orbital' London rail network is complete
- Upgrades to National Rail services on the Lea Valley and Great Eastern lines
- The renovation and expansion of King's Cross St. Pancras and Stratford Regional stations, with step-free access and extra capacity
- Southfields and Green Park becoming step-free stations
- Improvements to Stratford station, the main hub for accessing the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Nearby, Stratford International is accessible by High Speed 1 and a newly opened branch of the DLR
- Enhanced river services, with refurbished piers, simplified maps and timetables as well as Oyster pay as you go fares



- New cycling and walking routes and the extension of the Barclays Cycle Hire Scheme towards the Park

Reminder – beat the heat

WITH the hot weather continuing, here are MetroTravel's top tips for keeping cool while travelling around the capital this week:

- Carry a bottle of water with you
- Don't board a train or bus if you feel unwell

- If you feel unwell, get off at the next stop and ask a member of staff for help
- Avoid pulling the passenger alarm between stations. Instead, get off the train at the next stop as it's easier to get help on the platform

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