

Funding secured for new stations



TfL has secured €4m funding from the European Commission to progress plans for two new London Overground stations located at Old Oak Common.

THE funding will be matched by TfL and used to develop the various options for possible stations at Old Oak Common Lane and Hythe Road.

Connectivity between HS2, Crossrail and the London Overground is essential if Old Oak Common is to be transformed and the Park Royal area regenerated. Old Oak Common is one of the Mayor's key Opportunity Areas which would support the creation of 65,000 jobs and 25,500 new homes.

The proposed new travel links could radically cut journey times to and from the area and would allow access to both the Clapham Junction to Stratford, and Richmond to Stratford London Overground lines.

The new stations would also provide an interchange with Crossrail and High Speed 2, reducing congestion at Euston station and allowing these services to be fully integrated into London's transport network.

London Overground weekend works

THERE are no planned Tube, DLR, tram or TfL Rail works this weekend. However, on Sunday there will be no London Overground service between Richmond and Willesden Junction owing to Network Rail track work. Use the District line between Richmond and Gunnersbury. Replacement buses will run between Gunnersbury and Willesden Junction. Also on Sunday, trains to/from Chingford will not stop at Bethnal Green until midnight – customers should use services to Enfield Town or Cheshunt.

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Closure of Holland Park for improvements

HOLLAND Park Tube station will close from January 2 until August 2016 for lift replacement work. During this time, other improvements will also be carried out, including:

- Improving the ticket hall, giving it a brighter and more spacious feel
- Increasing security by providing passenger help points on both platforms and increasing CCTV coverage
- Installing energy efficient lighting and upgrading the finishes on the platforms and passageways
- Improving accessibility by installing dual-level handrails, hearing induction loops and tactile surfacing

Replacing lifts at a station like Holland Park – with a single lift shaft that continues deep underground – takes some months owing to the restricted space and the complexity of working in such cramped conditions.

David Waboso, London Underground's capital programmes director, said: 'Customer safety is our number one priority and, in order to replace the lifts in the safest way and with the least amount of disruption, we need to close the station. This decision has not been taken lightly and we will work hard to complete this vital modernisation as quickly as possible, keeping customers and local businesses informed as the work progresses.'

Heading home for the festive period?

Be in the know about any planned works and service changes, particularly between Thursday 24 December and Sunday 3 January, with our travel updates. Search TfL Festive



Caledonian Road station to temporarily close in March

WORK to refurbish the 30-year-old lifts at Caledonian Road station will now begin on Monday March 14, 2016 rather than the original intended start date of Monday January 4.

The nature of the work means that while it is carried out, the station will be closed until late October 2016.

The move comes after TfL reviewed its plans following concerns about having Caledonian Road closed at the same time as Tufnell Park Tube station, which is having its two lifts replaced. The work at Tufnell Park will finish ahead of schedule, so the station will re-open two weeks early on March 7.

Travel advice reminder for Winter Wonderland

HYDE Park's Winter Wonderland is open daily (except Christmas Day) 10am-10pm until January 3. During this time, nearby stations are busier than normal. As a result, crowd management systems are in place and it may not be possible to travel home the same way you arrived. When leaving the venue you may be diverted away from Hyde Park Corner station in the afternoons or early evenings. Also, Marble Arch will at times have a one-way system in place. Visitors are advised to use Green Park, Knightsbridge or Victoria station.

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