

## Draft Budget sets out TfL's plans

TfL has published its proposed Budget for 2016/17 and Business Plan setting out further improvements to the transport network in the coming years.

The document shows how investment in public transport will continue to deliver significant benefits for customers. These include building Crossrail and improvements to the Overground. TfL will also continue the huge transformation of the Tube (including the start of the Night Tube on certain lines) and extending the Northern and Metropolitan lines.

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## The capital gets greener

THE world's first purpose-built, fully electric, double-deck bus was unveiled in London yesterday.

The bus, built by Chinese manufacturers BYD, is due to go into service next month on route 98 between Willesden and Holborn. It will join TfL's fully electric, single-deck bus, which is already operating on route 312 between Norwood Junction and Croydon.

The new bus is the latest move by the Mayor and TfL to make London's bus routes greener. By the end of this year, 74 electric buses will be operating in the capital.



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## Celebrating National Apprenticeship Week

# Get an apprenticeship to earn and learn

## Hundreds of new apprenticeships are on offer in the transport industry working within TfL, Crossrail, London Transport Museum and their suppliers.

AROUND 350 new roles are being created on vital projects including the Northern Line Extension, the Road Modernisation Plan and the Bond Street station upgrade.

The announcement comes during National Apprenticeship Week and will boost the number of apprentices in the transport sector. Since 2009, 6,000 apprenticeships have been offered by TfL, Crossrail, London Transport Museum and their suppliers.

There will be positions available in track renewal and track maintenance, Crossrail railway engineering, commercial procurement and transport and town planning - all important roles in helping to support London's growing population.

### New schemes

TfL and its suppliers now offer 28 apprenticeship schemes, providing the opportunity to learn and earn at the same time in a variety of departments. When the programme first started seven years ago, there were just two.

TfL's suppliers have also helped transform the lives of 18 ex-offenders by offering apprenticeships and allowing them to gain valuable qualifications. Five are now

permanently employed within the industry.

London's transport commissioner, Mike Brown MVO, said: 'We have a skills shortage in the transport industry and apprenticeships offer us the chance to recruit some really talented individuals into the sector who may otherwise not have been given the opportunity.'

'Apprenticeships are a genuine alternative to university and offer real career prospects to earn and learn at the same time. As we celebrate the contribution of apprentices this week, I want to encourage people to take up the opportunities that we are offering together with our suppliers.'

Several events are being held during National Apprenticeship Week, including a daily TfL Q&A session on Twitter via @TfL #AskATfLApprentice, from 4pm to 5pm. It features current and former apprentices offering advice.



**TfL and Crossrail are part of the Government's pledge to create 30,000 apprenticeship places across the road and rail industry during the lifetime of the current Parliament**

## Traffic information for the capital

### A23 Brixton Road, SW9

**Daily 10am to 3pm, until May 27**

Lane restrictions between Gresham Road and Canterbury Crescent for junction improvement works.

### A2216 Lordship Lane, SE22

**Nightly, 9pm to 5am, until April 28**

Temporary traffic signals in operation at the junction of Dulwich Common, except Fridays and Saturdays, for roadworks.

### Westminster area

**March 19, 10am to 4pm**

A group will march from Portland Place to Trafalgar Square via Oxford Circus, Piccadilly Circus and Haymarket.

### North London area

**March 20, 5.15am to 1.45pm**

Roads closed around Wembley Park to the Edgware Road for the North London Half Marathon which starts and ends at Wembley Stadium. The A41 and A406 will be busier than normal.

### A501 City Road, EC1

**March 21, 7am to March 30, 10pm**

A contraflow will be in place at the junction of City Garden Row for gas works.

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