



**Safe space for all:** Permanent protective barriers will make walking and cycling safer

# Crossing safely at Westminster Bridge

TRAVEL ADVICE AS NEW PERMANENT PROTECTIVE BARRIERS ARE BEING INSTALLED ON WESTMINSTER BRIDGE

WORK begins today to make the temporary barriers on Westminster Bridge permanent, making it safer for people to walk and cycle which is essential to London's recovery from the coronavirus pandemic.

The work, which will be completed by the end of January 2022, will create a permanent protected cycle lane and footway on the bridge in both directions.

During the construction work, Westminster Bridge will be restricted to one lane in each direction for all traffic. Following agreement with the boroughs, work will be carried out between 7am and 11pm from Monday to Saturday, and between 8am and 6pm on Sundays, except bank holidays.

## PLAN YOUR JOURNEY

Delays are likely across the bridge and roads are expected to be busier than usual. Customers are advised to plan ahead and use alternative river crossings.

The latest status updates on how roads are operating can be found by visiting [tfl.gov.uk/traffic/status](https://tfl.gov.uk/traffic/status)

There will also be overnight closures on Westminster Bridge to enable traffic management changes. Diversion routes will be in place via York Road, Waterloo Bridge, the Strand and Whitehall for northbound traffic and via Victoria Street, Vauxhall Bridge Road, Albert Embankment and Lambeth Palace Road for traffic



**Bridge work:** The construction will be completed by the end of January

travelling south. The diversion routes will be clearly signed during the overnight bridge closures.

Cyclists can still cross the bridge during the works. Alternative options for crossing include segregated cycle lanes over Waterloo Bridge, Blackfriars Bridge and Vauxhall Bridge, and the unsegregated cycle lane on Lambeth Bridge.

## REDUCING ROAD RISKS

Safety on its road network is one of Tfl's top priorities, and it is committed to working towards its Vision Zero goal of eliminating deaths and serious injury on the capital's roads by 2041.

This includes lowering speeds on Tfl roads in inner and outer London, including on the inner ring road, high-risk roads and also on roads in town centres.

All Tfl roads in the Congestion Charge zone are 20mph and, in July, it was announced that almost all Tfl roads in Westminster will be reduced to 20mph.

Since May 2020, more than 100km of new or upgraded cycle lanes have been built or are under construction, along with tens of thousands of square metres of extra pavement space reallocated for people walking.

These measures mean people are increasingly using bikes to travel around the capital and for exercise.

The most recent Tfl analysis shows that between October 28 and November 2, cycling was ten per cent higher on weekdays and 76 per cent higher at weekends than before the pandemic.

For more information on the works on Westminster Bridge, visit [tfl.gov.uk/major-works-and-events](https://tfl.gov.uk/major-works-and-events)

**SEE IT.  
SAY IT.  
SORTED.**

## Are they checking security?

Please report any unattended items or suspicious activity to a member of staff immediately

We'll sort it.

In an emergency always call 999

## No step-free access at Vauxhall

TODAY and tomorrow, there is no step-free access at Vauxhall Underground station while maintenance work takes place on the lift between the ticket hall and the platforms.

The escalators and the lift between the bus station and the Tube station ticket hall will still be available. For step-free access to Vauxhall during these works,

customers are being advised to travel to Victoria or Brixton and use local buses from there.

Alternatively, there is step-free access to Vauxhall using the new Northern line station at Nine Elms and then using local bus services.

Customers can plan a step-free journey by visiting [tfl.gov.uk/travel-tools](https://tfl.gov.uk/travel-tools) or using the Tfl Go app.

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