

Major roadworks at Old Street



New look Old Street: The works will make the area pedestrian and cycle-friendly

WORK TO TRANSFORM THE OLD STREET ROUNDABOUT AREA STARTS TOMORROW

Old Street west and City Road south will be closed to traffic from 9.30pm tomorrow while a new road layout is installed.

TfL is working closely with Islington and Hackney councils to make Old Street roundabout more pedestrian and cycle-friendly.

The Inner Ring Road will remain open through Old Street with lane closures. Signed diversion routes will be in place and roads in the surrounding area are expected to be a lot busier, so drivers should allow more time for their journeys. If you are travelling east to west, the Inner Ring Road south of the river may mean a quicker journey over the weekend.

From Monday, the north-eastern section of the Old Street junction will be closed to vehicles to enable further works to be completed. Old Street west and City Road south will

reopen to traffic but there will be no left-turn from Old Street west onto City Road north, and no right-turn from City Road south on to Old Street east. As the new layout will be different for all road users, including pedestrians, please be careful when moving through the area and allow more time for your journeys. Alternatively, you may wish to consider making your journey by cycling or walking. There are signed cycle routes in place to help guide you through the area.

OLD STREET STATION

There will also be changes to access at Old Street Tube station while a new main station entrance is being built with public space around it. This will make it easier to walk into and around the station and change between trains and buses.

From Monday, the station will be exit-only for all customers on weekdays between 7am and 10am. This will enable the construction team to complete the works safely while also ensuring the safety of all those using the station.

Customers for the Northern line or Great Northern services can use Moorgate station, which is about a ten-minute walk from Old Street station. For all other Tube journeys, Liverpool Street station is about a 13-minute walk away.

The works to change the junction to the final road layout are due to complete in early 2021, while the access arrangements to the station will be in place until summer 2021. The scheme will be completed in autumn 2022.

For more information on the Old Street works and road layout, visit tfl.gov.uk/old-street-roundabout

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Let there be UV light!

FOLLOWING a successful trial, UV light devices have been installed on escalator handrails across the transport network. These have been shown to improve sanitisation levels by at least 50 per cent.

This new measure is part of efforts to help the city adapt to life in Tier 2 of the Government's coronavirus alert levels. The devices are connected to the escalator handrail and use its motion to power a UV bulb that breaks down contamination. This means that the surface is sanitised continuously.

More than 200 of the devices are now being installed on 110 escalators across the transport network to help keep Londoners safe. The light devices have already been fitted on six escalators at King's Cross St Pancras Tube station and in the coming weeks will be installed at some of the busiest stations on the network.

COVID-19 is still too new for clinical trials to test the effect of UV light. However, it has been proven that it can deactivate previous strains of coronavirus.



UV light fantastic: More than 200 UV light devices are being installed on 110 escalators across the transport network to sanitise surfaces

TfL regularly tests for coronavirus on the transport network, with no evidence of the virus found to date.

Last month, we started a new testing plan with Imperial College London, involving independent monthly air and surface sampling on both the Tube and buses for a period of four months. The results from the first round of collaborative

sampling in September have already been received and they were all negative.

The introduction of UV light devices is on top of an already extensive cleaning regime. This includes using hospital-grade cleaning substances that kill viruses and bacteria on contact and provide ongoing disinfection.

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