

Plans for new out-of-hours delivery trials



TRANSPORT for London (TfL) has unveiled a new initiative to encourage more out-of-hours deliveries.

It is hoped this will reduce congestion and result in quicker and more efficient freight trips, as seen during the 2012 Games when many businesses were able to avoid disruption by changing their delivery times.

Mayor of London Boris Johnson said: 'The out-of-hours deliveries during the London 2012 Games were another of those measures which initially raised eyebrows but in practice were a stonking success.

'Businesses benefited by saving money and congestion was reduced across the capital. It is exactly these sorts of innovative solutions we need to explore in

order to ensure we balance the conflicting demand for space on London's roads and streets as our population continues to rise.'

TfL and the Mayor's Office will work with London boroughs and the freight industry on trials early next year which will explore how more deliveries could take place outside of the busiest times of the day.

The trials form part of a wider package of works which look to change the way goods and services are delivered.

TfL will be working to revise loading guidelines for planners, helping to ensure the needs of the freight industry, businesses and residents are all considered when streets are developed and redesigned.

The Mayor has also announced that he will ask Londoners for their views on whether he should introduce a 'safer lorry charge' on trucks not fitted with basic safety equipment to protect cyclists.

Street smart

In July a report commissioned by the Mayor called for bold action to be taken to cut congestion and improve facilities for cyclists and pedestrians in the capital. As well as altering how goods and services are delivered, other recommendations included:

- Regenerating iconic locations, such as London Bridge, Oxford Street and King's Cross
- Roofing over arterial roads to create new surface space above ground
- Encouraging more use of sustainable transport, such as cycling and walking
- Tackling junction 'pinch points'
- Using intelligent technology to reduce delays
- Building new river crossings
- More 20mph zones
- Creating village-style streets in new developments to encourage green transport

Fill in a survey to help fundraising effort

Look out for Travelcard diaries being given out on the transport network and you could help raise money for charity.

Fill in details of the journeys you make and you'll help Transport for London and National Rail see how Travelcards are being used.

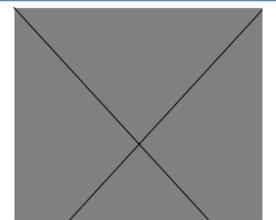
Diaries are being distributed at stations and through the post, and can all be returned using the freepost address. Invitations to take part in the survey are also being sent by email.

For each completed diary that is returned, a donation of £2 is made to charity. Proceeds will be divided equally between Scope, Battersea Dogs & Cats Home, the Royal National Institute of the Blind and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Over the last seven years the survey has raised more than £375,000 for charity.

■ For more information, go to tfl.gov.uk/travelcard-survey

Tube improvement plan – post weekend update



Metropolitan line: With the help of seven trains to move equipment, 580 metres of track were replaced between Wembley Park and Preston Road. This will ensure smoother, more comfortable journeys.

Jubilee line: Tunnel strengthening work was carried out between Bond Street and Baker Street. To make

the most of the closure, platform humps were also installed on the Jubilee line platforms at Baker Street to improve accessibility.

Northern line: More than 320 metres of new track were laid between East Finchley and Finchley Central, to help improve journeys.

Keep up with the improvement plan and how it might affect you at tfl.gov.uk

