

A new line for London

ELIZABETH LINE IS SET TO TRANSFORM TRAVEL ACROSS LONDON WHEN IT OPENS THIS MONTH

THE Elizabeth line will start running services through central London on May 24, subject to final safety approvals.

The new railway will improve transport links, cut journey times and provide additional capacity. It will also transform accessibility with spacious new stations and walk-through trains.

The line will initially operate as three separate railways, with services from Reading, Heathrow and Shenfield connecting with the central tunnels from this autumn.

TRANSFORMING TRAVEL

The Elizabeth line will operate 12 trains per hour between Paddington and Abbey Wood from Monday to Saturday, 6.30am to 11pm. Work will continue during engineering hours and on Sundays to

enable a series of testing and software updates in preparation for more intensive services to run from the autumn.

All services between Reading and Heathrow to Paddington, and Shenfield to Liverpool Street, currently operating as TfL Rail, will be rebranded to the Elizabeth line.

Customers travelling between Reading or Heathrow into London will need to change at Paddington for services into the central section of the route, and customers from Shenfield into London will need to change at Liverpool Street. In the autumn, when services from Reading, Heathrow and Shenfield connect with the central tunnels, frequencies will also be increased to 22 trains per hour in the peak between Paddington and Whitechapel.

The railway will connect stations such as Paddington to Canary Wharf in only

17 minutes, transforming how Londoners and visitors navigate the capital. This journey currently takes more than 30 minutes to complete using the Tube.

All Elizabeth line stations will be staffed from the first to the last train, with a turn up and go service offered to anyone needing assistance.

Step-free access is in place from street to train across all Elizabeth line stations between Paddington and Woolwich.

Work is ongoing at Bond Street Elizabeth line station, which means that it will not open with the other stations on May 24.

ALL CHANGE

In the coming weeks, Elizabeth line signage will be uncovered across the transport network and the Tube and rail map will be updated, showing the new central section stations connected with the rest of the TfL network for the first time.

Changes will also be made to 14 bus routes to improve links to Elizabeth line stations in east and south-east London, where many customers will use buses to get to and from stations.

This includes the new route 304, which will run between Manor Park and Custom House stations from May 21.

The Elizabeth line is set to be crucial to London's recovery from the pandemic, adding an estimated £42billion to the UK economy.

Andy Byford, London's transport commissioner, said: 'I am delighted that we can now announce a date for the opening of the Elizabeth line in May. We are using these final few weeks to continue to build up reliability on the railway and get the Elizabeth line ready to welcome customers. The opening day is set to be a truly historic moment for the capital and the UK, and we look forward to showcasing a simply stunning addition to our network.'

PLAN YOUR JOURNEY

Customers will be able to plan their journeys on the Elizabeth line using the TfL Go app and Journey Planner ahead of the railway opening.

For more information, visit the webpage at tfl.gov.uk/elizabeth-line



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