

Holiday works aid modernisation

THE Easter programme of improvements and maintenance on London's road and public transport network was completed with thousands of staff and contractors working over the holiday break.

Hundreds of metres of track were replaced across the network which will improve reliability on the Tube and London Overground.

London Underground made the most of Easter to complete essential track improvements with more than 500 staff and contractors. They upgraded the points and crossings at Neasden and Harrow-on-the-Hill and replaced the track at Finchley Road.



Vaisakhi Festival moves to City Hall

THIS year's Vaisakhi Festival on Saturday has a new look – and is bigger and better than ever.

Vaisakhi is the most important day in the Sikh calendar, commemorating the beginning of Sikhism as a collective faith, and is celebrated by more than 126,000 Sikhs who live in the capital – and 20million people worldwide.

The festival gives people from all communities, backgrounds and faiths the opportunity to celebrate this popular free event and, following consultation with the Sikh community, it now has a new venue – at City Hall and in The Scoop at More London, next to historic Tower Bridge.

Everybody is welcome to attend

the family-friendly event this Saturday which will feature music and traditional dance, turban tying, food and children's activities. Plus, for the first time, there will be films, talks and an exhibition.

Mayor Boris Johnson said: 'It will be a joyous celebration and all Londoners are welcome.'

Public transport will be the best way to get to the event although the nearest Tube station, London Bridge, is likely to be busier than usual due to the ongoing Thameslink Programme works. An alternative station is Tower Hill.

Plan your journey before you travel at tfl.gov.uk/journeyplanner.

■ www.london.gov.uk/vaisakhi



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On the roads, work continued on the new Cycle Superhighway North-South between Elephant and Castle and King's Cross – part of TfL's £4billion Road Modernisation Plan – and resurfacing work was undertaken in Westminster around Parliament Square while there was less traffic.

The £320million upgrade programme for London Overground also continued with construction work at six stations which will prepare them for five-car trains.

Work at Whitechapel London Overground station and Custom House DLR station was also carried out in preparation for Crossrail.

Traffic information for the capital

A243 Hook Road Until April 20, 4pm

Road closed, northbound, between the Hook Roundabout and Ditton Road for gas works. Diversions are in place.

A3 Elephant and Castle roundabout April 9, 10am to April 30, midnight

Inner ring road and one lane closed for TfL modernisation scheme.

Hammersmith Flyover Weekends, from April 10-13, 11pm to 5am

Westbound carriageway closed for roadworks. Diversions will be in place.

West London April 11, 7.30am to 7.30pm

Various traffic and pedestrian controls will be in place between Putney Bridge and Chiswick Bridge for the annual Boat Race. No planned road closures. Large crowds expected and traffic delays. Racing starts at 4.50pm.

A4 Knightsbridge to Hyde Park Corner Weekends, April 11, 8.30am to August 4, 4pm

Eastbound slip road restrictions during construction work on the Cycle Superhighway East-West.

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