

# New river crossings for east London

TRANSPORT for London (TfL) is asking people to have their say on a number of new river crossings in east London.

With the capital's population now forecast to grow to around 10 million by 2030, demand to cross the river will increase, putting more pressure on existing, and already congested, river crossings at Blackwall and Woolwich.

TfL has launched the next stage of consultation on detailed proposals for new ferry and bridge options.

These include a new ferry service or bridge at Gallions Reach between Beckton and Thamesmead, a new bridge at Belvedere between Rainham and



Belvedere, or a new ferry at Woolwich. The Mayor of London, Boris Johnson,

said: 'Delivering new river crossings to the east is going to be vital to the future success and prosperity of the capital. They have the power to unlock areas for development, creating jobs and new homes, as

well as making London a much better connected place.

'We've built the Emirates Air Line, which has carried 3.9 million passengers and we're pressing ahead with the

Silvertown Tunnel to double the capacity of Blackwall, but we're going to have to do much more if we're to meet the challenges that an ever-growing city presents.

'From new bridges to ferry services, there's a range of options on the table. We want Londoners to tell us what they think and make their voices heard.'

■ The consultation will run for 10 weeks, from July 7 to September 12. More information can be found at [tfl.gov.uk/consultations](http://tfl.gov.uk/consultations)

## Plans for the Silvertown tunnel

The consultation comes as TfL's plans for a new road tunnel in Silvertown gather pace. The tunnel, which could be complete by 2021, will provide extra capacity and help to alleviate congestion and improve reliability at the Blackwall Tunnel, as well as supporting the growth of the Royal Docks and Greenwich Peninsula. Londoners will be asked for their views on detailed design proposals in autumn.

## Traffic information for the capital

### Regent Street

**Sundays, until 7pm on July 27**

Closed in both directions from Piccadilly Circus to Oxford Street to facilitate a car free day. The event and road closure will be in place on each Sunday throughout July.

### Westminster area

**11.30am to 2pm on July 10**

A large group will form at 11.30am in Portland Place southbound, at the junction with Duchess Street. At midday it will march to Trafalgar Square via: Portland Place, Regent Street, Piccadilly Circus, Coventry Street, Haymarket and Pall Mall

East. There will be a rally from 1pm to 1.45pm, followed by dispersal. The march will be facilitated by police with road closures.

### City of London area

**6.30pm to 8.30pm on July 10**

The Standard Chartered Great City Race will start and finish on City Road, via Chiswell Street, Aldersgate Street, Montague Street, King Edward Street, Newgate Street, St Martin's Le Grand, Gresham Street, Old Broad Street, London Wall and Moorgate. The route will be closed in all directions.

### Westminster area

**7am to 2pm on July 13**

The British 10k London Run will be following a route from Hyde Park Corner to Whitehall via Piccadilly, St James Street, Northumberland Avenue, Victoria Embankment, Upper Thames Street, White Lion Hill, Victoria Embankment, Westminster Bridge, Parliament Square and Whitehall. The route will be closed in all directions.

### Putney Bridge

**7am on July 14 until November**  
Full closure due to essential repairs.

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