



Back to work: Sites are reopening as safely as possible ALL IMAGES: ABSOLUTE PHOTOGRAPHY

Construction is set to restart in the capital

MAJOR TRANSPORT PROJECTS ACROSS LONDON ARE GEARING UP FOR A SAFE START

WORK on a number of TfL construction projects has resumed, with more set to restart in the coming weeks. This is in line with the Government's announcement that lockdown measures would be eased for those who could not work from home.

Works include major capacity improvements and extensions for Tube and rail, such as the Northern Line Extension to Battersea, the Bank Station Capacity Upgrade and the extension of London Overground to the new housing development at Barking Riverside.

They also include the transformation of Old Street Roundabout, Cycleways, safety improvements to some key road junctions and new walking and cycling infrastructure to support social distancing by encouraging active travel.

Construction at around 300 TfL sites was brought to a Safe Stop in late March to help prevent the spread of coronavirus. Since then, design and other preparatory work on many of these projects has continued, with staff and many contractors working from home.

During the coming weeks, site preparation to accommodate social distancing and construction work will safely begin in a phased way on projects, which are vital to supporting jobs and homes, or providing essential transport infrastructure, across the capital.

TfL has worked closely with its contractors and supply chain to introduce changes to ensure all sites operate safely, and fully

comply with the latest guidance from the Government and Public Health England.

Extensive physical changes to worksites and ways of working are being introduced to ensure sites can reopen as safely and quickly as possible and help all workers stay protected and maintain social distancing. There will be staggered shifts and breaks to spread journeys outside peak periods and prevent large groups, clear signage for social distancing and one-way routes, extra staff welfare areas, more hand-washing facilities, and reconfigured canteens.

Heidi Alexander, deputy mayor for transport, said: 'It's really positive that work can now safely resume on key transport infrastructure projects, which

will help to kickstart London's economic recovery.

'It's vital that construction workers make journeys to sites on foot or by bike if at all possible in order to keep services safe for those who really need it. If workers have to travel on public transport, I'm pleased that our plans for staggered shifts will help them avoid the busiest times.'

Staff are being encouraged to avoid public transport where possible. TfL is investigating how the construction sector can privately hire river boats so workers are able to access sites from the river.

Opportunities to restart work on other projects continue to be reviewed across TfL's capital delivery programme.



Safety measures: Clear signage for social distancing and extra hand-washing facilities will help keep construction workers safe



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Travel safely

THE advice for Londoners is that anyone who can work from home should continue to do so. If you have to travel for work, please allow plenty of time, and consider options such as cycling or walking.

Anyone who must use public transport should avoid travelling between 5.45am and 8.15am, and between 4pm and 5.30pm. Also avoid busy interchanges wherever possible.

People who have to use public transport, taxis and private hire services should use a facial covering, carry a hand sanitiser and wash hands before and after travelling.

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