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PLANNING AHEAD

Transport settlement assures economic growth for London

MAYOR Boris Johnson has welcomed a funding settlement to support investment in major transport infrastructure across the capital until the end of the decade. This will deliver economic growth, homes and jobs.

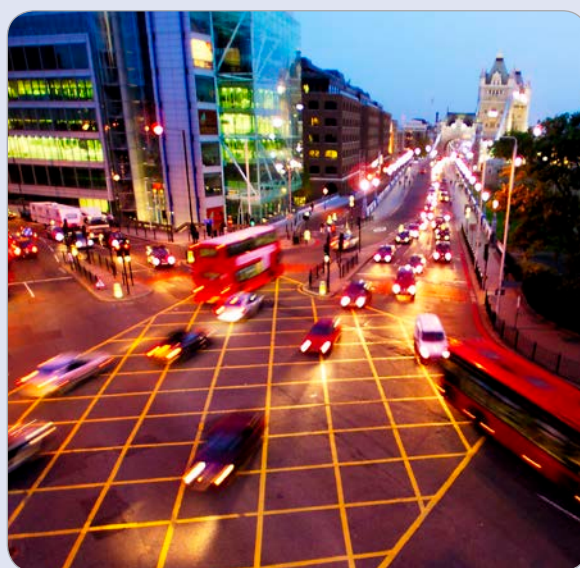
Responding to the Mayor's call for a secure and continuous investment in transport, the Chancellor yesterday confirmed an unprecedented six-year settlement for Transport for London (TfL) from 2015-2021. The capital funding commitment begins with an investment grant of £925m in 2015/16 rising to £1,007m in 2020/21, alongside annual borrowing limits of £600m+ to finance capital investment in transport infrastructure.

This funding package ensures Tube upgrades, investment in roads and cycling, and improvements to bus, Docklands Light Railway, London Overground and Tramlink networks will continue.

In addition to the long-term revenue settlement, the Mayor has also secured the following commitments:

- West Anglia suburban rail services to be devolved to the Mayor and TfL
- A £500m borrowing guarantee to support housing and transport infrastructure in Tottenham
- A £90m commitment to carry out electrification of the Gospel Oak to Barking Overground line, as a first step towards the extension of the line to Barking Riverside
- An initial commitment from Government to Crossrail 2 of £2m for feasibility studies into the vital north-south rail link

The Mayor said: 'The announcement shows that the Government recognises the vital importance of continued investment into London, representing good news not just for Londoners, but for the wider UK economy.'



'Transport for London will continue to drive its major programme of efficiencies and savings to demonstrate value for the taxpayer. We are confident that this can be achieved without compromising the priority projects London so urgently needs.'

The settlement supports the Mayor's aims of creating jobs and growth as London's population is set to expand more rapidly than previously anticipated, reaching nine million by 2020.

Summer events in the capital this weekend

THIS weekend is one of the busiest in London's events calendar so make sure you give yourself plenty of time to travel by public transport, especially if making National Rail connections. Please note that at the concerts at Wembley, The O2 and Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park managed queuing systems will be in place after the events.

Some of the main events in London this weekend include:

- Tennis at Wimbledon (nearest station is Southfields)
- The London Pride Parade on Saturday (starting in Baker Street, it leaves at 1pm, going along Oxford Street to Oxford Circus, then down Regent Street and along Pall Mall, past Trafalgar Square and finally ending in Whitehall at approximately 4pm. There will be entertainment in Trafalgar Square after the parade)
- Robbie Williams concert at Wembley stadium on Saturday and Sunday
- Hard Rock Calling all weekend at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park (nearest stations are Stratford and Stratford International)
- At The O2, Mrs Brown's Boys on Saturday and Michael Bublé on Sunday (nearest station is North Greenwich)
- High Definition Festival all weekend (nearest stations are Fairlop, Hainault and Barkingside)

There are no planned track works on the Bakerloo, Central, Circle, Jubilee, Metropolitan, Northern, Piccadilly, Victoria or Waterloo & City lines, Docklands Light Railway or London Tramlink. However, the following stations and lines will be affected by engineering and improvement works.

Bakerloo line

Station closure

Edgware Road: Closed until late December owing to lift replacement work. Edgware Road (Circle and Hammersmith & City lines) is the nearest alternative station. Trains from here connect with Bakerloo line services at Baker Street and Paddington.

Central line

Station closure

Mile End: Closed all weekend owing to track replacement on the District and Hammersmith & City lines.

District line

Part closure

All weekend: No service between Whitechapel and West Ham, and between Earl's Court and Kensington (Olympia), owing to track replacement. Replacement buses will run:

Service A: Tower Hill – Aldgate/Aldgate East – Whitechapel – Stepney Green – Mile End – Bow Road – Bromley-by-Bow – Canning Town (for the Jubilee line and DLR)

Service B: Tower Hill – Aldgate/Aldgate East – Whitechapel – Stepney Green – Mile End – Bow Road – Stratford (for the Jubilee and Central lines, London Overground and DLR)

Hammersmith & City line

Part closure

All weekend: No service between Moorgate and Barking owing to track replacement. See the District line entry for replacement bus information.

London Overground

Part closure

Sunday: No service between Surrey Quays and Clapham Junction owing to Network Rail track work. Tickets will be accepted on the replacement buses which will call at: Canada Water – Surrey Quays – Queens Road Peckham – Peckham Rye – Denmark Hill – Clapham High Street – Wandsworth Road – Clapham Junction.