

Crossrail 2: comment now on next rail link



There's one month left for people to have their say on Crossrail 2.

PLANS for the new rail route, which would link Surrey and Hertfordshire through 72km of tunnels under central London, have been open for public feedback since October.

The rail link would boost the number of trains into the capital from Surrey, Hertfordshire and the South East, helping an extra 270,000 people get to central London during the morning peak.

Journeys for commuters on existing National Rail services would improve, with the new line relieving congestion on some of the busiest London-bound routes. It would also support the creation of hundreds of thousands of new homes and jobs, and bring huge economic benefits for the UK.

TfL and Network Rail have already carried out two consultations on Crossrail 2, which

received strong support from the public and businesses.

The latest consultation seeks views on details of the route and its construction, including the locations of stations and work sites, and how frequently services will run.

Mayor Boris Johnson said: 'Crossrail 2 is a major infrastructure project and so it's vital that we get it right from the start. This consultation is key to helping us fine tune the proposals and to ensure that everyone with a view on Crossrail 2 can have their say and is listened to.'

If built, construction could begin in 2020 with the first Crossrail 2 service running in 2030.

The consultation closes on January 8.

■ To comment and find out details of drop-in sessions along the route, visit www.crossrail2.co.uk



Capital's cabs to help cut congestion



DIGITAL advertising boards attached to the roofs of taxis will be used to display the latest traffic information in a bid to cut congestion on the capital's roads.

It will be trialled for six months on 200 London black cabs.

Using GPS technology, the screens will show up-to-date traffic information for areas where there are delays and could also be used to provide real-time updates on incidents across London's road network in future.

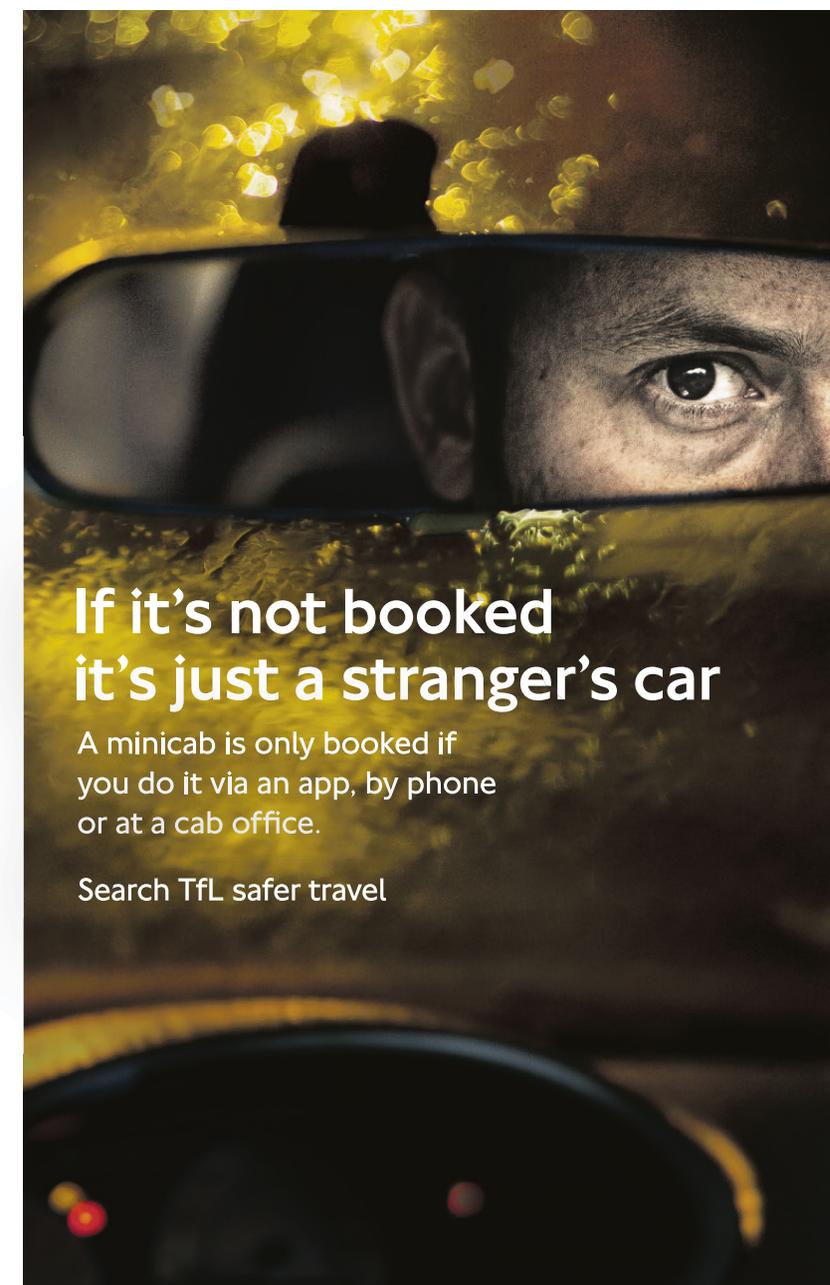
TfL's chief operating officer for surface transport, Garrett Emmerson, said: 'This trial is an innovative way to reach road users in London and keep them informed of traffic conditions. Using the capital's fleet of taxis to get

real-time traffic information out will inform other drivers of any disruption on the network, helping them to avoid the most congested routes.'

The trial is the latest in a range of initiatives TfL is undertaking to keep traffic moving. Last week a new team of enforcement officers, tasked with tackling issues that can cause congestion such as inconsiderate driving and parking, was announced.

New digital signs are also being used on main roads to tell drivers about current traffic conditions so they can plan alternative routes.

■ For more details about the trial, go to tfl.gov.uk



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Until December 23, 6am
Overnight closure [not Fridays or Saturdays] of Victoria Embankment and Upper Thames Street from Southwark Bridge to Westminster Bridge for Cycle Superhighway works.

Creek Road, SE8
Until December 16, 7pm
Temporary traffic signals at the junction of Creekside for utility works.

A127 Southend Arterial Road
Until December 20, 8am
Various lane and road closures between Gallows Corner Flyover and Ardleigh Green Road for ongoing bridge replacement works.

Angel Road, North Circular Road
Until December 12, 5am
Road closed at the junction of Montagu Road for maintenance works

Twickenham Rugby stadium
September 17, 8am to Tomorrow, 11am to 6pm
Crowds and heavy traffic expected for the Varsity Oxford v Cambridge rugby matches, kick-off is 11.30am.

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