

New traffic-busting plans announced



Measures to ease congestion in the capital and minimise disruption on the roads are being introduced as part of TfL's £4billion Road Modernisation Plan.

INNOVATIONS include a new generation of digital road signs, providing people with real-time information on journeys using major routes into London. The signs will initially be trialled on the A12, A13 and A40.

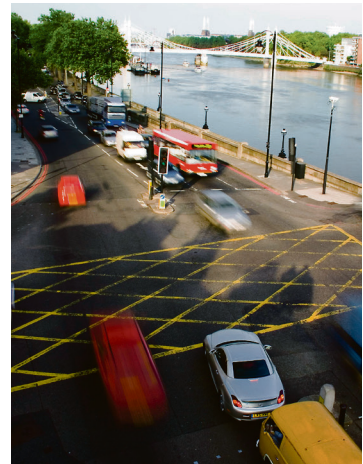
TfL is also testing new temporary traffic lights that can be remotely controlled from its traffic control centre. This will mean the phasing of traffic lights can be changed quickly and efficiently to improve traffic flow, rather than at the roadside, helping to cut disruption through roadworks.

The TfL traffic news website has also been overhauled with a rainbow-board to alert people to delays on major arterial roads, as well as introducing detailed maps with anticipated

disruption for the coming months, particularly during peak hours.

Unveiling the plans, Mayor of London Boris Johnson said: 'Each day 80 per cent of trips in the capital take place on the roads and TfL is pulling out all the stops to help make those journeys as efficient as they can be. With the biggest investment in a generation and making savvy use of new technology, we're working to deliver a more intelligent network that works better for everyone.'

■ **For detailed information on the impact on central London and to see the range of travel advice and planning tools available, follow @tfltrafficnews or visit tfl.gov.uk/roadtraveladvice**



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New private hire consultation launched



POTENTIAL changes to private hire service regulations have been announced by TfL. A consultation on the proposed measures will run for 12 weeks and close on 23 December 2015.

The plans include improving driver skills, such as English language capabilities, and stricter requirements for insurance. In addition there are proposals on the way private hire operators can accept bookings and how they are recorded. A rigorous exam to test driver navigational skills will also be introduced.

Garrett Emmerson, TfL's chief operating officer for Surface Transport, said: 'In recent years the private hire industry has grown exponentially and technology has also developed rapidly. The consultation sets out a number of ways that standards across the industry could be raised, ensuring Londoners can continue to benefit from the service provided by licensed private hire vehicles.'

■ **To find out more about the consultation, go to tfl.gov.uk and search for notices**

Searching for Silvertown information?

A NEW river crossing to reduce congestion and improve air quality in east London will be discussed on Twitter today.

Richard de Cani, managing director of planning at TfL, will answer your questions about the Silvertown tunnel proposal between 1pm and 2pm.

The tunnel, which would link Greenwich Peninsula with the Royal Docks, would improve the reliability and resilience of the road network at the Blackwall tunnel and enable us to transform bus connections in the area.

■ **Tweet questions to @TfLOfficial using the hashtag @STTunnel**



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