

Have your say on Crossrail 2 route

A CONSULTATION on the proposed Crossrail 2 routes has been launched by Transport for London and Network Rail.

The high-frequency, high-capacity line could run between South-West and North-East London. It could shorten journey times, help relieve congestion on the busy transport network and provide a catalyst for new jobs and homes.

The route for Crossrail 2, previously known as the 'Chelsea-Hackney' line, has been kept free from major building development since 1991. This route is now being reviewed and Transport for London has proposed two alternatives which could better meet the rail needs



of the capital in the future - a 'metro' and a 'regional' option:

- Metro could provide a high-frequency underground railway through central

London and between Wimbledon and Alexandra Palace, relieving congestion on the Piccadilly and Victoria lines

- Regional could benefit people as far as Hertfordshire and Surrey and enable more trains to run on busy National Rail routes. It could combine underground and overground railways, and could run from Alexandra Palace and stations in Hertfordshire to various locations in South-West London and Surrey

Mayor of London Boris Johnson (pictured above at yesterday's launch) said: 'Crossrail is set to revolutionise travel in the capital and, with a predicted 10 million people expected to be living in London by 2031, pressing

Journey to Metro-land to see historic Tube trains

THE sights and sounds of the world's first underground railway will be recreated over the next couple of weekends as part of the Tube's 150th birthday celebrations.

A series of special train rides organised by London Transport Museum will take place on the Metro-land section of the Metropolitan line in North-West London. The Metro-land name was coined in 1915 by the Metropolitan Railway's publicity department, which set up a company to develop housing and shops along the line as it expanded out of the capital.

This Sunday the Art Deco special - a Tube train from the 1930s - will run alongside an original A-stock unit, offering trips to the heart of Metro-land from Amersham and Harrow-on-the-Hill as part of the Rickmansworth Festival. London Transport Museum Friends are providing a free heritage bus service between Rickmansworth station and Batchworth Lock where the festival is taking place.

Then, from May 25-27, the newly restored Metropolitan Steam Locomotive No.1, the last one to be built by the Metropolitan Railway, will be pulling historic coaches on a round trip from Amersham via Harrow-on-the-Hill.

- Tickets for both events should be booked in advance at www.ltmuseum.co.uk



ahead with the next stage of the plan - Crossrail 2 - is quite simply essential.

'In order to support this great capital's bright future we need to think ahead and not wait until our transport arteries are clogged up and restricting jobs and growth. That's why I am sending out a rallying cry for the public's

support for this consultation - come and share your views so we can progress with Crossrail 2 as soon as possible.'

- The consultation will run until August 2. A report on the findings will be made publicly available later this year. For more information, and to have your say, go to www.crossrail2.co.uk

Traffic information for the capital

Bow roundabout A12 Until June 24, 5am

Northbound slip road closed for roadworks. There is a diversion via Twelvetees Crescent.

Westminster area May 18, midday to 3pm

A demonstration will take place from Concert Hall Approach to Richmond Terrace via Waterloo Bridge, Lancaster Place, The Strand and Whitehall.

Westminster area May 18, 1pm to 6pm

A demonstration will take place from Hyde Park

Corner to Waterloo Place via Park Lane, Piccadilly and Regent Street.

Whitechapel High Street May 20, 10am to May 24, 3.30pm

One lane closed westbound between White Church Lane and Commercial Road for gas works.

Chelsea Embankment May 21 to 25, 8am to 8pm daily

Increased traffic and crowds expected in the area.

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