

TfL backs call for global transport investment



TRANSPORT for London (TfL) today set out its support for an international campaign calling for continuous investment in transport.

The campaign – ‘All together for public transport’ – has been launched by the International Association of Public Transport (UITP).

TfL is one of many transport operators across the globe adding their voice to the case for investment, all with the common aim of fuelling economic growth by improving transport and its infrastructure.

Sir Peter Hendy CBE, London’s transport commissioner and UITP president, said: ‘It is vital that investment is made in transport

infrastructure in cities to boost not only the economy of the city it serves but also that of the whole country.

‘The UITP aims to create joined-up thinking across the globe to deliver successful urban transport systems, and we can learn from other cities as well as share our knowledge of London and the successes we have already delivered.’

Investment in the capital

This year the Mayor and TfL were able to secure stable and sustained investment for London’s transport infrastructure, thanks to a six-year capital funding settlement with Government. The funding will help support jobs and growth in the capital as well as the UK, and will allow TfL to continue to deliver:

- The modernisation of the Tube, including completion of the Northern, Circle, District,

Hammersmith & City and Metropolitan lines, and the start of the next phase of Tube upgrades, including the Piccadilly, Central and Bakerloo lines

- Major investment in the road network and cycling
- Further improvements to the bus, Docklands Light Railway (DLR), London Overground and Tramlink networks

Improvements include completion of the London Overground orbital network, the Victoria and Jubilee line upgrades, increasing capacity on the DLR and the roll-out of the New Bus for London.

Work on constructing Crossrail continues, with services due to be running through central London from the end of 2018. In addition, TfL has been consulting on a route for Crossrail 2, which would link the South West and North East of the capital.

The Mayor’s Roads Task Force has also been set up and has developed a vision for 21st century investment in London’s roads, streets and urban realm.

With the capital’s population expected to grow to more than 10 million by the early 2030s, investment in continued transport improvements and new infrastructure is vital.

■ To find out more, visit www.growpublictransport.org

Not only are TfL’s improvement plans creating jobs for Londoners, money spent on, for example, trains and escalators are generating opportunities up and down the country.

In 2012/13, TfL’s supply chain supported 41,000 jobs outside London – 24,000 of those in the North and the Midlands. In total sixty-two per cent of TfL’s procurement spend went to businesses outside the capital.



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