

More mobiles move to contactless travel



Passengers travelling around London can now use their Android phone to pay for fares.

ANDROID Pay was launched on the capital's public transport network yesterday, enabling customers to use their mobiles to pay as they go on the Tube, buses and trams, as well as most National Rail services in London.

The payment system, developed by Google, takes MasterCard and Visa credit and debit cards issued by many of the UK's banks and building societies. It includes Bank of Scotland, First Direct, Halifax, HSBC, Lloyds Bank, M&S Bank, MBNA and Nationwide Building Society.

TfL's chief technology officer and director of customer experience, Shashi Verma, says: 'It's great to see another mobile ticketing option introduced into the market. Android is a popular mobile operating system and we have been working closely with Google to ensure that Android Pay is fully incorporated into the capital's transport network.'

Since its introduction in September 2014, more than 400 million contactless journeys have been made – using cards from over 80 countries – across all TfL and most National Rail services.

TfL was the first public transport provider to accept contactless payment cards and is now the first transport organisation in the world to accept Android Pay for ticketing.

One in ten contactless transactions in the UK is made on TfL's network, making the organisation one of the largest contactless merchants in the world.

Earlier this year, pay as you go using contactless and Oyster was introduced on services between London and Gatwick Airport. TfL is now working to expand the benefits of pay as you go travel to other major locations around the commuter belt.

How Android Pay works

Download the app from the Google Play Store and set up an account using a bank card. Then simply touch in and out on the yellow card reader using the top half of your phone.

The best fare for each day – or week – is calculated automatically and then capped if appropriate.

Tips

- Make sure your phone battery is charged so you can complete your journey
- Do not use a contactless card and a mobile to touch in and out on the same journey. You could be charged two maximum fares for two incomplete journeys
- Use Android Pay to check your most recent journeys or go to your TfL online account for full journey details and payment history

■ For full details, visit tfl.gov.uk/androidpay

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Passengers get more late night services

EXTRA trains are running on some London Overground routes during the evenings to meet growing passenger demand.

The timetable alterations, introduced this week, bring better and more frequent services between Dalston Junction and New Cross; Highbury & Islington and West Croydon; Highbury & Islington and Crystal Palace; and Dalston Junction and Clapham Junction.

The line is now operating four services an hour on four routes between 10pm and 11.30pm, double the previous number of trains.

The changes follow improvements to the network that allow much of the London Overground to carry five-carriage trains – a capacity increase of 25 per cent.



Friday fun at London Transport Museum

LONDON Transport Museum is offering 2-for-1 tickets to tomorrow's Friday Late event through the museum's new mobile app.

The Friday Late event marks the launch of new exhibition Designology, which celebrates the capital's iconic design influences.

Discover how designers use mood boards and develop your own mini version in the pop-up studio. You can also create your own mosaics

in the style of Eduardo Paolozzi who designed the famous displays at Tottenham Court Road.

The Friday late runs from 6.45pm-10pm. Tickets cost £12 for adults (£10 concessions). The 2-for-1 ticket offer is limited to the first 200 purchases. Simply download the app to receive a promo code via the app inbox.

■ For details on the new app and to buy tickets, visit ltmuseum.co.uk

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