

Cycle 'Grid' for safer connections



TRANSPORT for London (TfL) has published details of a potential grid of safe, connected routes for cyclists across the capital.

The Central London Grid will consist of a mixture of quietways and superhighways in the City and West End. Superhighways are mostly high-capacity routes on main roads for fast commuters, and quietways will be pleasant routes on low-traffic side streets.

Many of the proposed quietway

routes will run parallel to Tube lines or bus routes. A 'Circle line quietway' and a 'Victoria line quietway' are among the 60 miles of backstreets being considered. A number of superhighways and other main roads will also form part of the grid, with most fully or semi-separated from traffic where they run on busy roads.

Mayor of London Boris Johnson said: 'We are creating a new network of routes for a new kind of cyclist: routes for people who want to cycle slowly, in their ordinary clothes, away from most of the traffic. These are your secret cycling passages through London, taking you everywhere you need to go,

directly and easily, using routes you might never have known existed until we showed you.

'The Central London Grid will, I hope, de-Lycrafy the bicycle, reduce the testosterone levels of cycling, and move towards a continental-style cycling culture, where cycling is normal.'

Proposals for the grid were developed by TfL, in partnership with seven London boroughs, the City of London, the Greater London Authority, the Canal and River Trust and The Royal Parks.

■ You have until Friday, February 14, to comment on the plans, which can be found on tfl.gov.uk/cyclinggrid

Motorcycle Show?

IF you're going to Excel this weekend for the London Motorcycle Show, make sure you check out the BikeSafe-London stand.

Run by TfL and the Metropolitan Police service, BikeSafe-London aims to help motorcyclists improve their knowledge, skills and experience and in turn, reduce collisions.

The show runs from Friday to Sunday. To find out more, visit www.bikesafe-london.co.uk or call 08444 151 206.

Tube strike called off

Managing Director of London Underground (LU) Mike Brown MVO welcomed yesterday's decision to suspend strike action on the Tube.

Talks at ACAS led to an agreement on further discussions over LU's modernisation plans.

Mr Brown said: 'We have always said that we want the unions to engage fully with us, to help shape our proposals for the future of the Tube.'

'The hard work of both the LU and union negotiating teams and the progress we have made at ACAS over the last few days means we can do that without further unnecessary disruption to Londoners.'



Traffic information for the capital

For a full list of traffic information, go to tfl.gov.uk/trafficnews

Catherine Street, central London
February 13-17, 7am to 8pm

Catherine Street, Russell Street, Tavistock Street and Wellington Street will close owing to an event on February 16. Large numbers of vehicles and coaches will be accessing the area and there is the possibility of slow moving traffic around the Aldwych one-way system.

Clapham Junction area
February 13, 11.30am to 1pm

A parade will start off from the south end of Northcote Road and travel north along Northcote Road, across Battersea Rise, into St John's Rd

northbound, west onto St John's Hill, finishing at Clapham Junction station.

Shoreditch High Street, E1
February 15, 8am to February 16, 5pm

Lane closure in place for telecomms works.

Putney Bridge Road, SW15
February 15, 9am to February 16, 6pm

Lane closures will be in place owing to a crane operation.

Green Lanes, N13
February 16, 7am to 11am

On Sundays until March 23, Green Lanes will close northbound at the junction with Willoughby Road and southbound between Turnpike Lane and West Green Road for tree pruning. Diversions will be in place.

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