

Londoners more mobile than ever



LONDONERS remain at the forefront of technology with the announcement that commuters can now pay for travel using their Apple iPhone 6 or Apple Watch.

When Apple Pay launches in the UK next month, Londoners will be able to use it to pay for public transport journeys on the Tube, trams, DLR, Overground, TfL Rail, buses and most National Rail services in London.

Customers just need to link a debit or credit card to their Apple device then touch it on a yellow reader to travel.

TfL's director of customer experience, Shashi Verma, said: 'With around one in ten of all contactless transactions in the UK now taking place on our transport services in London, we are delighted

to welcome Apple Pay as another new and convenient contactless way for our customers to pay for their travel.

'I would encourage anyone who uses pay as you go to try contactless. There's no need to top-up, just touch in and out with your mobile device, credit or debit card.'

Ringing the changes

TfL was the first public transport provider to accept contactless payment cards in the UK and is now one of the largest contactless merchants in the world. More than 100million contactless journeys have been made since the launch last September.

In addition, more than 1.2million contactless transactions are made every day on the network – around 17 per cent of all pay as you go journeys.

The top five Tube stations for contactless payments are Oxford Circus, King's Cross, London Bridge, Liverpool Street and Canary Wharf.

■ Find out more about contactless at tfl.gov.uk/contactless, for more on Apple Pay go to www.apple.com/uk/apple-pay

What is contactless?

Just touch your mobile device, credit or debit card on an Oyster reader to travel. You'll pay the adult-rate pay as you go fare and you don't need to top up. It's an easy means of paying for your journeys with multiple layers of security protecting against fraud.

Contactless users also benefit from having their fares capped – the system automatically calculates the best value for that day or over a seven-day period from Monday to Sunday.



Investment in public transport paying off

LATEST figures show that 2014/15 was another record year for TfL, with around half-a-billion more public transport journeys now taking place compared with five years ago.

More than 1.3billion passenger journeys were made on the Tube, an increase of 3.2 per cent on the previous year. Despite the rise, people are getting around London faster than ever because of more frequent and reliable trains. The average train journey time has dropped by 13 per cent since 2002/03.

The figures were published yesterday in TfL's draft Annual Report, which will be considered by the TfL Board at its next meeting in July.



Reporting anything unusual won't hurt you

If you see any unattended items or suspicious activity, report it to a member of staff or the police immediately. For your safety and security, CCTV is in use across the network.



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Traffic information for the capital

Victoria Embankment Until April 2016

Lower Thames Street closed, eastbound, and traffic restrictions nearby for East-West Cycle Superhighway works.

Bayswater Road Until 25 September

Daily lane closures between Brook Street and Stanhope Place for resurfacing works.

Westminster area June 13, 2am to 2pm

Roads closed around Horse Guards and St James's Park for Trooping the Colour ceremony.

RAF Northolt June 13, 9am to 5pm

Heavy traffic and large numbers of pedestrians expected in the area for the 100th anniversary open day.

Westminster area June 14, 11am to 2pm

A large group will form in South Carriage Drive for a procession along Park Lane, northbound, to Trafalgar Square for the Rathayatra Festival. Diversions will be in place but expect delays.

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