

Hopping to it

Bus and tram passengers can enjoy cheaper travel across London as the Hopper fare launches today.

THE new Hopper fare, launched by Mayor Sadiq Khan, allows customers to make two journeys for the price of one within an hour. Passengers are now able to change on to another bus or tram for free within one hour of touching in at the start of their journey. It will be automatically given to anyone who uses pay as you go with Oyster or contactless payment cards.

Using the Hopper fare, passengers can make extended journeys across London for just £1.50 for a standard adult fare if the second journey begins within an hour. This means around 30million bus journeys a year that previously cost £1.50 will now be free.

This also applies to passengers switching from bus to tram, tram to bus or tram to tram within an hour.

Mayor Sadiq Khan said: 'Fares in London have risen for eight years in a row – and for people who have to change buses to get to work, the old system simply wasn't fair.'

'We must ensure that everyone can afford to travel around our city, and for people on low incomes, the cost of travel must never become a barrier to work or study.'

Transport commissioner Mike Brown said: 'I'm delighted we have been able to deliver this key commitment to London by the Mayor swiftly, enabling us to better meet the needs of those Londoners who live or work in areas that aren't as well served by Tube or rail services.'

TfL is now working on providing unlimited bus and tram transfers within one hour, which is not currently possible owing to limits with the existing technology. It is hoped that this

will be in place by 2018.

Passengers who travel on a Tube or train between their two or more bus or tram journeys will also be eligible for the Hopper fare from 2018.

Getting around

Some example journeys:

- London Bridge to Croydon using the route 133 to Streatham and then changing at Streatham Hill station onto a 109 to West Croydon
- Victoria station to Wembley stadium using Route 16 to Edgware Road station and then changing onto a route 18 to Wembley Central station



Please have your ticket ready



Little Miss Helpful, being ever so helpful, is always ready to board the bus quickly to avoid unnecessary delays.

Please help the bus driver and have your contactless payment or Oyster card ready.

MAYOR OF LONDON



More electric buses for the capital

LONDON is set to have the largest fleet of electric buses in Europe, with 51 new vehicles introduced on Routes 507 and 521.

The additions mean there will be 73 fully-electric buses on the capital's streets by the end of the year.

Mayor Sadiq Khan said: 'It's vital that we act now to clean-up our capital's toxic air and do everything we can to help prevent the thousands of deaths it causes each year.'

'I've set out a comprehensive plan to improve our air, and the transformation of London's bus fleet will play a key role in making our transport cleaner and healthier.'

TfL's managing director of surface transport Leon Daniels said: 'This is a real game-changer in the drive to green the capital's transport network, and mean better air quality and better journeys.'

This is the latest in a number

of plans to make bus travel greener, which includes making all 300 single-deck buses that travel through central London zero emission by 2020, and all 3,100 double-deck buses to be hybrid by 2019.

Going green

London already boasts a number of green buses, including:

- Around 2,000 hybrid electric buses, which is around 20 per cent of the fleet
- Eight zero emission hydrogen buses
- Inductive charging technology trials that enables diesel-electric hybrid buses to charge their batteries wirelessly while they wait at bus terminals

Bus strike advice

BUS journeys on certain routes in London are due to be disrupted today by striking Unite union members.

Some 28 day and night routes run by Tower Transit could be affected if the industrial action goes ahead.

Other bus companies across the capital will run a normal service.

Passengers affected by any action should use other transport services, including walking and cycling where possible.

■ Check before travelling at tfl.gov.uk/buses and follow @TfLBusAlerts

Did you know?

- London's buses travelled 493million km in 2015/16
- Around 9,300 buses operate across 675 routes
- More than two billion passenger trips are made on buses every year in the capital

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