

Bank station upgrade plans unveiled

THE public will get the opportunity to have their say on Transport for London's (TfL's) proposals for a major upgrade of Bank station from tomorrow when a consultation begins.

Latest figures show that annually 98 million customers currently use the six-line interchange station and this is set to rise over the coming years. As part of the proposal, TfL is planning to increase capacity and provide a step-free route between

the Northern line platforms, the Docklands Light Railway (DLR) and street levels. Work is set to be completed in 2021 following the funding settlement agreed by the Mayor with government in the summer.

David Waboso, London Underground's capital programmes director, said: 'Bank is a key interchange for our customers and it's vital that we keep pace with the increase in demand we're seeing now and in the future. Now we want our customers' views on our plans so that we create a modern Tube interchange that works for Londoners'.

■ Situated in the heart of the City, Bank station serves the following Tube lines: Central, Circle, District, Northern, Waterloo & City as well as the DLR



Have your say

A public consultation on the plans for Bank station is online until November 8 at tfl.gov.uk/bank and will be supported by an exhibition at St Mary Abchurch in Abchurch Lane. It will include a three-dimensional model of the planned improvements and displays showing greater detail of various aspects of the plans. TfL staff will be on hand to explain more about the plans and answer questions.

All views expressed through the consultation will be taken into account in progressing the scheme, and a summary of consultation responses will be published on line at tfl.gov.uk/consultations (search for Bank station upgrade).

Transport at a glance

Plan ahead for Royal Parks half marathon

THERE will be road closures in Hyde Park, Westminster and the City for the Royal Parks Foundation Half Marathon, which takes place this Sunday morning. A number of key roads in the area will be closed to traffic including, Hyde Park Corner, Parliament Square, Victoria Embankment and Westminster Bridge.

Try to avoid driving in or through the affected areas on the morning or early afternoon unless absolutely necessary. Plan your travel at tfl.gov.uk/royalparkshalf

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Project Guardian arrests

AN operation to tackle unwanted sexual behaviour on London's public transport system resulted in 15 arrests last week.

It was part of Project Guardian – a multi-agency initiative involving the British Transport Police, the Metropolitan Police Safer Transport Command, the City of London Police and Transport for London.

The partners have been working together to improve the levels of reporting among

victims of sexual offences and to create an environment on the transport network, which does not tolerate intimidation and sexual harassment.

Last week's plan of action involved around 120 plain-clothes and uniformed officers stepping up patrols each day between 7am and 11pm.

Since the public launch of Project Guardian in July, there has been a 20 per cent increase in the reporting of sexual offences, compared to the same period last year.

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