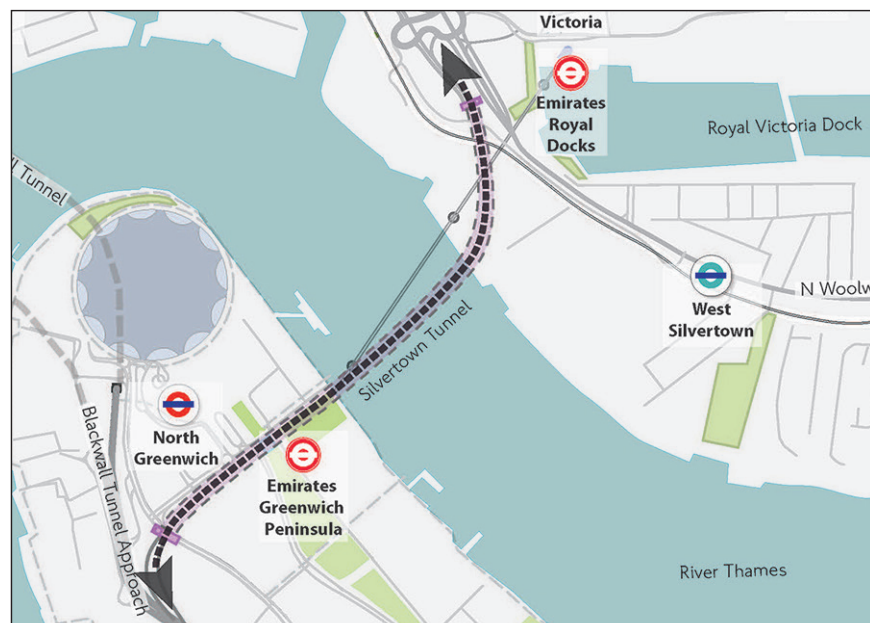


Views wanted on vital new Thames crossing



A PUBLIC consultation on plans for a new river crossing linking Greenwich Peninsula with the Royal Docks opens today.

TfL hopes the proposed Silvertown Tunnel link will take pressure off the heavily-used Blackwall Tunnel as well as support new jobs and homes planned for the area.

With the population of London set to rise to 10million by 2030, and with much of this growth due to take place in East London, demand for crossing the river will increase.

Mayor of London Boris Johnson said: 'The Silvertown Tunnel would provide a vital new link beneath the Thames between two of our city's great opportunity areas – Greenwich Peninsula and the Royal Docks – earmarked for new homes and jobs. It has quite rightly been classified by the Government as a project of national significance and today we're a step closer in making our vision a reality.'

If approved, work on the crossing could start in 2017 and take four years to complete at an estimated cost of around £750million.

In parallel with the Silvertown Tunnel project, TfL is also looking at plans for other new East London river crossings at Gallions Reach and Belvedere. A consultation on these projects is expected next year and, subject to funding and approval, both crossings could be open by 2025.

■ The consultation will run until December 19 2014. For more information, visit tfl.gov.uk/silvertown-tunnel

Tube delays down

LATEST figures from TfL show Tube delays were down this summer compared to the same time last year.

Statistics show that between May 25 and July 19 (periods 3 and 4), delays fell by eight per cent and 20 per cent respectively, compared with 2013.



Help TfL improve the Tube

TUBE travellers can help improve Underground services this autumn by completing the annual London travel survey.

Over the coming weeks questionnaires will be handed out at some Tube stations

between 7am and midnight. Customers will be asked about their trip, the different modes of transport used, the reason for their journey and which ticket they used.

The results of the survey will help

TfL plan future services, station modernisation and upgrades, and work needed at transport interchanges.

The questionnaire takes around five minutes to complete and can be returned via freepost.

Traffic information for the capital

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

**A12 Eastern Avenue
Until October 17, 5.30am**

Closure of the westbound carriageway between North Street and Mawney Road for roadworks.

**A10 Bishopsgate
Until October 17, 6pm**

Lane restrictions between Liverpool Street and Houndsditch for streetworks.

Oxford Street

Until October 21, 10pm to 6am

Overnight road closure between Oxford Circus and Orchard Street until Friday October 17 for the installation of Christmas lights. From Sunday October 19 to Tuesday October 21, the closure will be between Orchard Street and Marble Arch.

Westminster area

October 18, 10.30am to 4pm
A large group will gather at Temple Place and walk to Hyde

Park via Victoria Embankment, Northumberland Avenue, Cockspur Street, Regent Street, Piccadilly, Park Lane for a rally.

**St James's Park area
October 21, 9.30am to 2pm**

Roads will be closed on Constitution Hill, The Mall, Marlborough Road, Great George Street and Birdcage Walk for an event. Temporary closures will also occur on Buckingham Gate and Palace Street.

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