

Buses celebrate a hopper birthday

The Hopper bus fare, which lets passengers take two bus or tram journeys within an hour for just £1.50, celebrates its first birthday this week.

MORE than 100million journeys have been made using the Hopper fare since its launch, new figures from TfL show.

It lets passengers change on to another bus or tram for free if the second journey is taken within one hour of touching in using contactless bank cards or Oyster.

The reduced fare is given automatically, making travel cheaper for millions of passengers who rely on bus services.



Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, said: 'In allowing passengers to change buses for free

within an hour, I'm proud that we're cutting the cost of travel for thousands of

Londoners all across the city. 'The cost of travel must never be a

barrier to work or study, and with our TfL fares freeze and unlimited bus journeys within the hour planned from next year, we're continuing to make public transport an easier and more affordable option for every Londoner.'

Bus and tram customers are set to make even more savings from early next year when the Mayor plans to introduce an improved Hopper fare – allowing unlimited journeys by tram and bus taken within an hour.

The upgrade will also allow passengers to include a Tube or train trip, too, in their bus or tram journeys, helping more Londoners to benefit from the discount.

■ **Find out more about the Hopper fare at tfl.gov.uk/hopper**

Did you know?

Around 325,000 journeys are made every weekday using the Hopper fare.

The Hopper fare has arrived



Two journeys for the price of one

The Mayor, Sadiq Khan, has launched the Hopper fare. Two journeys for £1.50 when you change bus or tram within one hour, using pay as you go on contactless or Oyster.

Always use the same card.

MAYOR OF LONDON



Leave-ing the line

TWO specialist engineering trains are being brought into service at the end of this month to tackle leaf fall on the Piccadilly line.

The Rail Adhesion Trains are part of a number of measures being introduced by TfL to help prevent disruption. It follows the publication of an

independent report into leaf fall issues that have led to delays for passengers over the past two years.

The specially converted 1973-stock trains will travel on the line treating the rails with adhesive material, which gives the wheels more grip when braking. London Underground's director of

network operations, Nigel Holness, said: 'Following disruption for Piccadilly line customers in previous years due to leaf fall, we are determined to learn from past experiences and employ every measure possible to tackle the issue effectively this year.'

'We are confident that this approach will help reduce any possible delays and provide our customers with the level of service they expect.'

TfL consultations

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Have your say on proposals to change the road layout in the Fiveways area.

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Mayor Sadiq Khan's strategy sets out plans to transform the capital's streets and improve public transport.

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Have your say on proposals for trams in London to go

cashless. TfL plans to no longer accept cash payments for paper tram tickets bought from tram stop ticket machines.

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Comment on TfL's plans to increase the cost of a penalty charge from £130 to £160. The charge will be reduced to £80 if paid within 14 days. The increase would apply to offences on TfL's road network from early next year.

■ **To find out more information on these and other proposals TfL is consulting on, visit tfl.gov.uk/consultations**

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