

Crossrail in numbers



AS work on Europe's largest infrastructure project continues apace, MetroTravel takes a look at the numbers involved in transforming the capital's transport system.

- Crossrail will increase rail capacity by at least **10 per cent**, and contribute to **500 million fewer kms** of car journeys each year
- There will be **24 trains per hour** through central London in each direction during peak hours
- Around **200 million passengers** will travel on the line each year
- **98 per cent** of excavated material from the newly-bored tunnels under London and the South-East has been recycled. The majority – 4.5 million tonnes – has been used to create a nature reserve at Wallasea Island in Essex
- **85 per cent** of excavated material is transported by rail or water
- **42 kms** of rail tunnels are being constructed between Royal Oak in the West, Pudding Mill Lane in the East and Plumstead in the South-East
- More than **90 per cent** of the budget to date is being spent in the UK
- **Eight giant boring machines** are being used to construct tunnels under the capital
- The trains will carry **1,500 people** per carriage – nearly twice as many as the average Tube train
- Crossrail will bring an additional **1.5 million people** within a 45-minute commute of London's main business and entertainment districts
- It will connect with **41 other rail lines** including the Underground, London Overground, National Rail, Heathrow Express and Docklands Light Railway
- Crossrail's benefit to the UK economy has been estimated to be at least **£42 billion**

■ For more information, go online to www.crossrail.co.uk

Transport at a glance

Fewer Londoners driving

THE introduction of the Congestion Charge has contributed to a sharp fall in the number of Londoners driving to work.

A new report, based on 2011 census figures, found that among the capital's four million workers, 28 per cent use a car or van to reach work, a decline of 7.2 per cent since 2001. The Congestion Charge was launched in 2003 to encourage motorists travelling in Central London to

use other modes of transport.

The study, published by the Office for National Statistics, also highlighted a surge in use of the Tube and other urban rail routes and an increase in cycling.

The statisticians added that investment in public transport, including the introduction of the Oyster card, has played an important role in boosting London's working population, which has risen by 680,000 on the 2001 census figure.

Litter-free Underground



LONDONERS are being reminded to keep the Tube litter free.

Passengers are being encouraged to take their litter with them or use bins where available. Any station that doesn't have a bin inside will have one located nearby.

New bins are being installed across the network, but fire and security risks prevent them being placed on every platform.

Cans, bottles and newspapers left on trains and platforms can

cause service delays if they get stuck in equipment. Stray rubbish also poses a fire risk.

There are currently 1,000 bins installed across the network and 1,150 cleaners working to reduce delays caused by litter.

In total, more than 13,000 tonnes of litter is picked up on the Underground each year, the equivalent weight of 50 Metropolitan line trains. Around 80 per cent of this rubbish is recycled.

Baker Street escalators reopen

TUBE passengers that use Baker Street station are being advised that the escalators linking the ticket hall with the Bakerloo and Jubilee lines have reopened

following a four-month refurbishment programme.

During the work access to and from the Tube was only available via the Metropolitan line platforms.

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London Travelwatch London's transport watchdog call 020 3176 2999, or visit www.londontravelwatch.org.uk

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Newspapers left on the Tube can jam doors and cause delays to your journey. Take your newspaper with you or put it in a recycling bin.