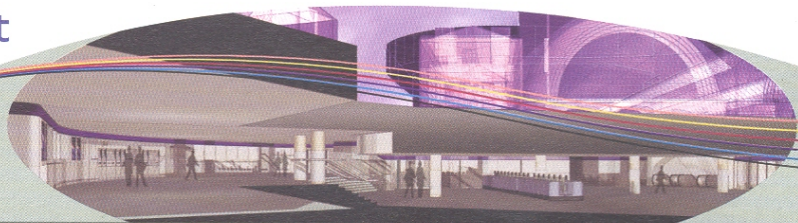


King's Cross St. Pancras Underground station development

Transforming your journey



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Tube Ticket Hall

An enlarged Tube ticket hall, with improved accessibility and a new ticket office, opened to the public as planned on the 28th May 2006.

This has enabled the final stages of refurbishment within the Tube ticket hall to be completed.

The old station control room has been decommissioned and removed, with architectural finishes ongoing.

The link passageway to the Metropolitan, Circle and Hammersmith & City Line (MCL) platforms has been temporarily closed. Refurbishment of the passageway and staircase is progressing and will re-open to the public later this year. In the meantime, access to the MCL platforms is available from the Western ticket hall.

The MCL's old ticket office, ticket gates, ATM machines and various equipment rooms have been decommissioned and carefully removed and will create more space for passengers. New CCTV cameras, Help points, PA systems and architectural finishes are ongoing to complete the refurbishment.

Western Ticket Hall

A new two-storey ticket hall also opened to the public on 28th May 2006, doubling the capacity of the station, and providing new access routes into the underground station from Euston Road and Pancras Road.

A new ticket office and ticketing facilities are now available with lifts providing step-free access to the MCL platforms from street and ticket hall levels.

An enlarged link passageway provides direct access to the Tube ticket hall and the deep level lines (Northern, Piccadilly and Victoria Line platforms). A direct access to St Pancras International Station has been created and will open to the public in 2007, when international rail services become operational.

Extensive restoration of the Grade I listed Pancras Chambers Forecourt façade, forming the exterior of the Western ticket hall, has been completed and was unveiled in July 2006. Minor refurbishment works to the Pancras Road stairs leading to the Pancras Chambers forecourt are nearing completion.

Works to resurface Euston Road from Crestfield Street to Judd Street were completed in August 2006, with full lane capacity reinstated in both directions. Minor work to the pavement areas is ongoing and may involve associated traffic management changes.

Metropolitan, Circle and Hammersmith & City Line platform closures

Refurbishment of the platforms for the above mentioned Lines is nearing completion. As a result, it is necessary to implement a number of weekend closures which will take place on the following dates:

- 2nd – 3rd September 2006
- 9th – 10th September 2006
- 21st – 22nd October 2006

On these dates customers are advised to use available bus routes and London Underground tickets will be accepted on First Capital Connect (formerly Thameslink) services between King's Cross and Blackfriars.

Northern Ticket Hall

The Northern ticket hall forms part of the second phase of the redevelopment project, providing additional capacity to meet passenger demand, with new access routes (tunnels) and step-free access to the deep level tubes (Northern, Piccadilly and Victoria Line platforms).

Construction of a new link passageway from the Northern ticket hall to the Tube ticket hall is underway.

The standard class passenger lounge and British Transport Police offices at King's Cross Station were relocated to the King's Cross Station forecourt in June 2006. This is to enable the construction of a vent shaft for the Northern ticket hall in the King's Cross Station Western Range Building.

As part of the initial stages of the tunnelling programme, enabling works to create a new pedestrian access route from the Piccadilly Line platforms to the Northern ticket hall are underway.

Piccadilly Line platform closures

As a result of tunnelling works for the abovementioned Line platforms, it is necessary to implement a number of weekend platform closures. On the following dates in 2006, Piccadilly Line trains will be 'non-stopping' at King's Cross St Pancras:

- 9th – 10th September 2006
- 16th September 2006
- 23rd September 2006
- 30th September 2006
- 7th October 2006
- 14th October 2006
- 21st – 22nd October 2006
- 11th – 12th November 2006
- 18th – 19th November 2006
- 25th – 26th November 2006

Customers are advised to use alternative Underground stations and that tickets will be accepted on the following bus routes:

- No. 17 and No. 259 between Caledonian Road and King's Cross.
- No. 91 between Caledonian Road and Russell Square.

If you require further information, the helpline will continue to operate on a 24-hour basis and can be reached on the number overleaf.