

The Mayor's new transport strategy for London

The Mayor of London has recently issued a draft of his new proposed transport strategy for consultation with the public.

The draft Mayor's Transport Strategy (MTS) sets out his policies and proposals for dealing with the challenges that face London over the next 20 years. These include at least a million more people living in the Capital and around three quarters of a million new jobs, resulting in more than three million more journeys a day.

The Mayor has said: 'I want London to be the best big city on earth.' The following six goals set out how the MTS will implement his vision.

- Support economic development and population growth
- Enhance the quality of life for all Londoners
- Improve the safety and security of all Londoners
- Improve the transport opportunities for all Londoners
- Reduce transport's contribution to climate change and improve its resilience
- Support the delivery of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and its legacy

The draft MTS is being consulted upon in conjunction with a draft Replacement London Plan and a draft Economic Development Strategy; together these documents form the

Mayor's 'Strategy for London', to support and shape the city's future economic and social development. All three strategies are available for consultation until 12 January 2010.

You can view the proposals online at www.london.gov.uk/shaping-london or call 0800 298 2009 for a free consultation leaflet. There is also a questionnaire to fill in and tell the Mayor what you think.

If you have any further queries, please contact:

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Short stories inspired by the Central line

'The Central line draws an invisible line across London – connecting east to west, rising up like the edges of a smile at each end.'

So writes novelist Sarah Butler, right, who was recently commissioned by Art on the Underground, London Underground's art programme, to undertake a six-month residency on the Central line.

With 45 Central line-managed stations from West Ruislip to Epping, Central line staff have little opportunity to meet and engage with each other. Sarah's challenge was to develop creative strategies that would involve the whole line.

Through conversations with staff



including their personal tales and storytelling, Sarah wrote four texts. 'What's in a Name?', for example, is a collection of stories attached to the fascinating range of staff names from all over the

world which was available as a leaflet from Central line stations and as podcasts to enhance customers journeys. To read and hear her stories online, go to tfl.gov.uk/art

Join the fabric of London life



Over the autumn, Transport for London (TfL) launched several high profile competitions inviting Londoners to put their creativity to the test and design new seating fabric for the Tube along with posters for display at London Transport Museum.

Both professional and non-professional designers were invited to take part. The winning seating fabric – or moquette – design will be announced later this year and

will launch on the Piccadilly line. If your talents lie elsewhere, you can buy your own exclusive design classics, from posters to Routemaster retro furniture and accessories covered in the distinctive fabric, by visiting London Transport Museum in Covent Garden, or its new RailOrder service at www.ltmuseumshop.co.uk Alternatively, TfL's online shop at tfl.gov.uk/shop offers a range of classic goodies.

TfL's Disability Equality Scheme

In December, TfL will produce a revised Disability Equality Scheme setting out what the organisation will do to ensure its services are accessible to disabled people. In order to do this, TfL needs to gather input from disabled and Deaf people.

It has started this process by consulting with disabled and Deaf people in setting the priorities for the next three years. TfL would like to hear your views before Sunday 15 November.

For a copy of the consultation document, please go to tfl.gov.uk/governance

New fares will sustain vital investment and protect free travel on the network



The fares package for 2010 means that, overall, bus fares increase by 12.7 per cent and Tube fares by 3.9 per cent. This is comparable to fare increases introduced in 2005 and 2006.

The new fares package:

- Oyster pay as you go bus fares will rise from £1 to £1.20
- A 7-day Bus Pass will increase from £13.80 to £16.60
- On the Tube, the Zone 1 Oyster pay as you go fare will rise from £1.60 to £1.80
- Most other Oyster pay as you go fares on the Tube will rise by 20p
- The majority of Travelcard prices will be frozen

For more information on the new fares package, go to tfl.gov.uk

Mayor of London Boris Johnson has announced a fares package for 2010 to ensure vital improvements to London's transport system continue to be delivered, and frontline services are protected, in the face of huge financial pressures on TfL.

These include the collapse of Metronet and a recession-

linked fall in Tube ridership. Announcing his plans, the Mayor has protected free and concessionary fares for older Londoners, young people and those on low incomes. Forty per cent of bus passengers will continue to travel free or at a substantial concessionary rate. Additionally, the Freedom Pass will continue to be valid for travel 24 hours a day on all TfL services.

National Falls Awareness Day

Falls are one of the biggest problems facing older people and affect one in three over 65s. This year's National Falls Awareness Day focused on the theme 'Get on Board', highlighting the issue of falls on buses.

Working with Help the Aged, London Councils and Primary Care Trusts (PCTs), TfL supported initiatives to prevent the number of falls on public transport. These steps will include:

- Communicating falls prevention and safety

information in Freedom Pass renewal mailings

- Supporting mandatory driver training to incorporate disability awareness

Ruth Redhead, Falls Lead at Hammersmith & Fulham PCT, said: 'By combining forces we've got a much greater chance of addressing the safety concerns of older passengers and can raise awareness of the risks and consequences of falls to a much greater number of people, young and old. We look forward to planning more work with TfL.'



East London line connections

When the East London line reopens in June 2010, it will become part of the London Overground network.

The line has been extended north from Shoreditch and south to West Croydon and New Cross. In spring 2011, an extension to Highbury & Islington will connect passengers with existing rail services and the Underground.

To improve comfort and security for passengers, London Overground has ordered 24 new



air-conditioned trains. Four new step-free access stations have also been built at Shoreditch High Street, Hoxton, Haggerston and Dalston Junction. The ELL will connect to the Richmond-Stratford line at Highbury & Islington in early 2011.

News in brief

Walk-through success

Anecdotal passenger feedback on the eight new trains now in service on London Overground has been positive. The new walk-through trains have Tube-style seating, improved CCTV and air conditioning, and are designed to relieve overcrowding and provide new standards of service. A fleet of 54 new trains is being introduced through to 2011.

Meet the Commissioner

TfL's Transport Commissioner Peter Hendy was joined by Kulveer Ranger, the Mayor's Transport Advisor and Jeroen Weimar, TfL's Chief Operating Officer for Surface Transport, for his latest 'Meet the Commissioner' event, in the heart of London's Latin American community.

He has previously met the Bengali, Somali, Polish and Punjabi media, and his next event features the Chinese community.

Prepare for change at Bank



On 24 December, Docklands Light Railway (DLR) platforms 9 and 10 at Bank station will close for a month while track and signalling work is carried out at the Royal Mint Street junction. This final piece of work will enable the DLR to introduce three-carriage trains between Bank and Lewisham next year. Alternative travel details will be announced nearer the time.

Introducing pink Oysters

In preparation for the Oyster roll out on National Rail, new Oyster route validators at nine London Overground and Tube stations will enable some passengers to benefit from cheaper fares by touching in midway through their journeys depending on the route they take.

Oyster pay as you go passengers should touch their cards on the new pink Oyster route validators when they change between services at Gospel Oak, Gunnersbury, Highbury & Islington, Kensington Olympia, Rayners Lane, Stratford, West Brompton, Willesden Junction and Blackhorse Road.



For more information

Further details are available from: Group Government & Stakeholder Relations, Transport for London, Windsor House, 42-50 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0TL. Telephone: 020 7126 4126, email: gsl@tfl.gov.uk

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