

New 3-in-1 card brings Oyster benefits



Transport for London (TfL), in partnership with TranSys and Barclaycard, has launched a unique 3-in-1 card which combines Oyster functionality with cashless payment and credit card facilities.

Barclaycard OnePulse allows passengers to take advantage of Oyster's benefits: cheap, quick and convenient travel on the Tube, buses, Docklands Light Railway (DLR) and trams. It can also be topped up with pay as you go, or customers can have up to three Travelcards or Bus Pass season tickets loaded onto it.

As well as being a credit card, it enables customers to purchase everyday items under £10 using the OneTouch contactless payment system.

This technology means that, in order to buy goods, people just have to touch the card on a special reader at thousands of outlets across the Capital. Retailers already signed up include Books Etc,

Chop'd, Coffee Republic, EAT, Krispy Kreme, Threshers and YO! Sushi.

Since its launch in 2003, Oyster has been a huge success with more than 10 million cards now in circulation. Barclaycard OnePulse is the first time the technology has been licensed to a third party.

Londoners who wish to apply can do so online at www.barclaycard-onepulse.co.uk

Oyster can be bought and topped up at all 275 Tube stations, plus more than 2,200 Oyster Ticket Stops across the Capital. This will soon rise to around 4,000.

Eighty-five per cent of all Londoners live within 400 metres of an Oyster Ticket Stop.

For more information, go to tfl.gov.uk/oyster

Cross River Tram results published

The results of a public consultation on a number of options for the proposed 16.5km Cross River Tram route have now been made available.

More than 5,000 people and organisations gave their views during the three-month consultation. Results show strong support for the proposed project, which would run between Euston and Waterloo with branches to Camden Town and King's Cross in the north, and Brixton and Peckham in the south.

A decision on the preferred route will follow a technical review, funding assessment and further feasibility work. The full consultation report is available at tfl.gov.uk/crt



Rail freight vision will clean up UK roads

TfL has published its Rail Freight Strategy, which proposes measures to remove between 110 and 176 million lorry miles from UK roads each year, significantly reducing harmful gas emissions and traffic accidents.

Per tonne carried, rail freight produces almost 90 per cent fewer emissions than heavy goods vehicles.

The strategy also contains toolkits to help borough officers with planning procedures for potential rail freight sites. For more details, go to tfl.gov.uk/freight



Enforcement keeps London on the move

A TfL report has revealed that drivers in London are getting better at sticking to the rules.

Adherence to parking and traffic regulations has improved by up to 35 per cent according to TfL's second annual report on the impact of parking and traffic enforcement on the Capital's 580km red route network.

The network, which is managed by TfL, covers five per cent of London's roads but carries a third of the Capital's traffic.

Figures show illegal parking has fallen by 35 per cent on some sections since January 2006, while the amount of motorists breaking the rules at yellow box junctions is also down by 35 per cent.

In addition, 32 per cent fewer people made banned turns in the seven months following the start of enforcement in September 2006.

Bus lane enforcement also continues to improve with a 38 per cent drop in the number of Penalty Charge Notices issued year on year.

Contraventions on the network quickly lead to congestion due to the volume of traffic. TfL is determined to reduce this in order to keep the city moving.

Gearing up for London Overground

The production of the new high-tech trains for London Overground has begun.

London Overground services start from November 2007 when TfL assumes responsibility for the North London Railway.

Existing rolling stock will be replaced in 2008 when the new trains will come into operation. They will also run on the extended East London line when it re-opens in 2010, following a £1bn extension. An additional 36 carriages will be introduced from 2011 enabling more passenger journeys to be made.

The new trains will feature:

- Better security with onboard CCTV
- Wider gangways providing increased capacity
- Improved accessibility with dedicated wheelchair bays, wider doors and aisles
- Real-time information with audio and visual announcements
- Air conditioning, wider seats and more handrails

Linking 20 of the Capital's 33 boroughs, London Overground brings enormous benefits to passengers. These include improved access to centres of employment and new travel opportunities. It will also help improve the environment by encouraging a further shift from private to public transport.

London Overground is the latest addition to the TfL modes, and will have its own orange roundel which will feature on the Tube map from next month.



As part of TfL's commitment to delivering a safe and secure railway with frequent, Metro-style train services, London Overground passengers will benefit from a programme of improvements funded by TfL's £10bn Investment Programme. This will include:

- More staff at stations to provide assistance and reassurance
- Oyster ticketing at all stations and more ticket gates
- A phased programme of station upgrades
- The provision for longer trains and more frequent services in the future, subject to infrastructure improvements outside the remit of TfL

The North London Railway consists of the:

- North London line (Richmond to North Woolwich)
- London Euston to Watford Junction local line
- West London line (Willesden Junction to Clapham Junction)
- Gospel Oak to Barking line

TfL helps to tackle the Capital's school run

New TfL figures reveal schools that use travel plans have helped reduce car journeys in the Capital by two million in the last year.

The number of trips to and from schools has been cut by an average seven per cent and, as a result, carbon emissions have dropped by 1,150 tonnes across London.

The travel plans encourage schools to seek solutions to reduce the number of cars being used to drop off and pick up children. TfL offers support, advice and practical help such as funding for cycle

parking, road safety improvements and setting up car sharing schemes.

Help is also available to set up 'walking bus' schemes where children, accompanied by teachers or parents, walk to school together along a designated route, collecting fellow pupils as they go.

Half of London's schools have now introduced travel plans. With the rest due to have one in place by 2009, it is estimated another 4.5 million car journeys a year will be saved.

London bus fares cut by 10 per cent

Londoners are now benefiting from even cheaper bus travel after the price of a single fare in the Capital was cut from £1 to 90p using Oyster pay as you go.

The price drop came into force on 30 September. In addition, the cost of a weekly Bus Pass was reduced from £14 to £13.

The price cuts are being fully funded by revenues from the Capital's record number of Tube and bus journeys. The Mayor, Ken Livingstone, said: 'I am pleased that the strength of London's economy, and efficiencies



achieved by TfL, mean that fares can now be reduced with no cutback in the Investment Programme or financial risk to the transport budget.'

These price cuts are in addition to a number of other available savings, which are detailed below.

Discounts explained

Under-10s

Travel free on the Tube, DLR, buses and trams.

Eleven to 14-year-olds

Travel free on buses and trams. An Oyster photocard is needed to buy child-rate tickets on the Tube and DLR.

Fourteen to 15-year-olds

Travel free on buses and trams with a valid Oyster photocard. An Oyster photocard is needed to buy child-rate tickets on the Tube and DLR.

Sixteen to 18-year-olds

Travel is free on buses and trams for those in full-time education, or on a work-based learning scheme and living in London with a valid Oyster photocard. Those not in full-time education, on a work-based learning scheme or who live outside London, can get half-price adult fares with a valid Oyster photocard.

Students aged 18+ in full-time education

Can get a 30 per cent discount on adult-rate Bus Pass and Travelcard season tickets with a valid Oyster photocard.

Freedom Pass holders (older and disabled people living in London)

Freedom Pass travel is free on the Tube, DLR, buses and trams after 09:00, Monday to Friday, plus all day at weekends and on public holidays within London's borough boundaries. Disabled Freedom Pass holders can travel free at all times.

Bus and Tram Discount Card

Londoners on Income Support can apply for a Bus and Tram Discount Card, which allows holders to travel on buses and trams at half the adult rate using a special Oyster card. Applicants must be 18+, living in London and must not be receiving any other travel concession.

New Deal

Customers with a New Deal photocard can benefit from child-rate Tube and DLR tickets, reduced-rate Bus Passes and can use Oyster to pay as they go at half the adult rate.

Terms and conditions apply. Go to tfl.gov.uk/tickets for more information and details of which Oyster photocards are required to claim the above discounts.

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