

Plan ahead for Zip travel discounts



TfL is reminding parents and young people to plan ahead to get free travel with Zip.

Zip came into effect in June and requires those aged 11 to 15, 16+ and 18+, who qualify for free bus and tram travel in London, to carry and validate a free Oyster photocard.

TfL is continuing its campaign to raise awareness among parents, children and schools of the need for young people, particularly those approaching their 11th or 16th birthdays, to apply for a new Zip photocard.

The 16+ photocard allows 16 to 17-year-olds to travel for

free, or at half the adult-rate, on London's buses and trams. Travel is free for those in full-time education or on a work-based learning scheme and living within a London borough.

All young people without a Zip photocard will have to pay the adult fare.

TfL believes that requiring young people to carry and touch in with a Zip photocard will promote positive travel behaviour from an early age.

Zip applications are available from Post Offices across Greater London and take up to two weeks to process.

£100m a year Oyster contract terminated

TfL is to terminate its £100m a year Oyster contract. The Mayor and TfL are convinced that any new contract will deliver enhanced services for less money, driving significant savings.

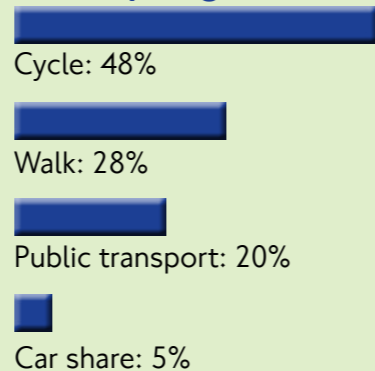
The Mayor is keen to improve the Oyster card to make it even more attractive for Londoners and TfL will work to make sure this happens both quickly and in a way that represents the best value.

Have you made your pledge?

The imovelondon campaign aims to encourage London residents to pledge to leave their car at home once a week and get the Capital moving. So far more than 10,000 Londoners have already signed up to show their support.

Pledge your support at tfl.gov.uk/imovelondon

Who's pledged what?



Avoid the traffic and Freewheel

Londoners can enjoy cycling around a traffic-free city on 21 September at this year's Sky Sports London Freewheel bicycle event.

Supported by the London Cycling Campaign, the event includes 20 locally-led rides, which will offer less confident cyclists the chance to be accompanied by experienced riders.

They will be escorted to four main hubs: The Emirates Stadium, north London; Clapham Common in south London; Victoria Park in

east London; and Ravenscourt Park in west London. From these hubs, sign-posted routes will guide cyclists to the car-free central London zone.

Along the way, there will be lots of entertainment, including music and juggling.

The event is free, but participants must register in advance.

To find out more and to register, visit www.londonfreewheel.com

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: gsr@tfl.gov.uk

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More BTP Tube teams on the beat



Travelling on the Tube is getting safer as 30 local police teams are now patrolling Underground stations and trains across the Capital to further cut crime and provide a reassuring presence to the public.

The new British Transport Police (BTP) Neighbourhood Policing Teams will be supported by a 24-hour response team across the entire Tube and Docklands Light Railway (DLR) network.

Made up of existing Tube police officers, they will spend at least

85 per cent of their time in their dedicated areas doing work that directly impacts on their neighbourhoods, allowing them to be on patrol more than ever before.

Mayor of London Boris Johnson said: 'These new policing teams for the Tube will work alongside the additional 440 uniformed officers for the bus network I announced in May to tackle the number one issue for Londoners, crime and safety.'

The teams will build on the successes delivered by the reassurance teams, which were introduced on the Underground

following the provision of additional Transport for London (TfL) funded officers in the past few years.

They will conduct regular patrols, run targeted operations and hold meetings with members of the public in the area to identify local needs and priorities.

Fast fact

BTP figures for 2007/08 show crime on the Tube and DLR network is down 11 per cent, while passenger numbers continue to increase.



Investment delivers benefits for Tottenham Court Road

Tottenham Court Road is benefiting from major transport investment including a new Crossrail station and a completely rebuilt Tube station.

The work is taking place alongside plans to create a more pleasant local environment with wider pavements, better cycling facilities, bus improvements and a new public piazza.

It is a scale of investment not seen for decades and will dramatically improve one of the most congested parts of the transport network, bringing benefits to residents and businesses, and helping to encourage further investment in the area.

Work has already begun and the station will be fully upgraded

by 2016, in time to meet the estimated demand of more than 200,000 journeys per day once Crossrail is completed in 2017. Crossrail will bring 24 high-capacity trains travelling in each direction at peak times.

The upgraded station will have new entrances, step-free access from the street to the platforms and interchanges, and a ticket hall six times the size of the current one. There will also be a new station entrance at Dean Street, providing access to Crossrail and the Central line.

Changes to local buses and road closures will be required during the extensive work.

For more information, visit tfl.gov.uk/tcr



How Paddington station will look

More about Crossrail

Crossrail is the largest addition to the transport network in London and the South East for more than 50 years. Throughout September, exhibitions will be set up at key locations along the route providing details of the project, the next stage of works and the benefits it brings. There will also be site-specific information for each area, including station improvements and construction.

Crossrail staff will be present to answer questions and give out leaflets covering topics such as the land that will be needed, the new tunnels, future services and managing the works.

To find out more, go to www.crossrail.co.uk or call the helpdesk on 0845 602 3813.



Bus Saver withdrawn as Oyster offers better deal

TfL has now withdrawn bus Saver tickets from sale at Oyster Ticket Stops and London Travel Information Centres.

This follows the continuing growth in the use of Oyster pay as you go, a cheaper and smarter option for bus travel.

With a bus Saver – a book of six adult tickets for travel on all

London's buses – a single trip costs £1 as opposed to 90p with Oyster pay as you go.

It is now even easier for customers to take advantage of these savings as the number of Oyster ticket outlets has substantially increased to more than 3,600 across the Capital. Additional Oyster agents are also

being recruited in areas that have previously been poorly served by the network.

Only 0.3 per cent of bus journeys are now made on a bus Saver ticket. All bus Savers that have already been purchased are still valid until further notice.

New TfL site a hub of activity for cyclists



Wherever and whenever people cycle in London, there's a new place they should visit – the revamped cycling pages on TfL's website.

The site has been transformed as part of London's Summer of

Cycling. It is aimed at all bicycle enthusiasts and the Mayor of London and TfL want it to become the one-stop shop for anyone thinking of taking to two wheels in the Capital.

To help achieve this, TfL is inviting London's cyclists to contribute links to other

interesting bicycle blogs or websites, share news of cycling events or send in their favourite photos of biking in the Capital.

Visitors to the site will find pages packed full of advice and information, including how to get training in their local area and details of cycling events. They can also work out the best routes for getting from A to B, and find advice on where to park when they arrive.

Cyclists will also be able to order TfL's free London Cycle Guides, a series of 14 area maps that cover every inch of the Capital; check out the site's improved mapping and find out how to apply for a grant to help grow cycling in their local community.

To check out the new pages, go to tfl.gov.uk/cycling

Western Extension consultation starts



A five-week public consultation on the future of the Western Extension of the Congestion Charging zone began on 1 September and runs until 5 October.

The results of the consultation will help inform the Mayor's decision on whether the Western Extension should be removed, remain as it is or whether it should be altered.

An information leaflet explaining the options, together with a questionnaire for people to provide their views, is available by calling 0844 415 4425 or online at tfl.gov.uk/westernextension

TfL is particularly keen to hear from local residents, retailers and businesses within, or on the borders of, the Western Extension. However, anyone

with an opinion is invited to contribute to the consultation.

This initial public consultation will help inform a statutory process that would be necessary if the Western Extension was to be removed or significantly altered. The statutory process would involve further consultation and inform the Mayor's ultimate decision on the future of the scheme.

Fast fact

The Congestion Charge was introduced on 17 February 2003. It was extended westwards to cover most of the boroughs of Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster on 19 February 2007.