



East London Transit

Update – April 2009

What is ELT?

East London Transit (ELT) from Ilford via Barking to Dagenham Dock will be an important part of the social and economic regeneration of the Thames Gateway, helping to improve access to employment, education, health care and community services for existing and future communities. Once completed, passengers using the ELT will experience a fast, frequent and reliable journey.

Progress on site

Construction of the first phase of ELT is well underway. Following the design process and a period of public consultation, Transport for London (TfL) appointed Skanska Infrastructure Services to undertake the civil infrastructure works on the first phase of the project between Ilford and Thames View Estate. Construction began on 5 January 2009 and the service for this phase will start in early 2010.

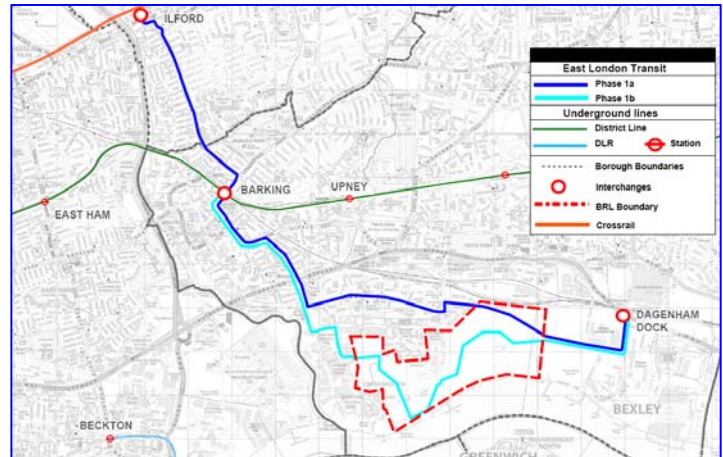
The construction works will deliver new parking and loading facilities which will reduce delays for all road users, new pedestrian facilities such as crossings and street lighting to improve safety, upgraded bus stops with new shelters, and footway paving and green spaces to help re-vitalise the area. Other improvements will include brand new double-decker buses with the latest environmentally friendly technology, and real-time information to for passengers.

Ilford Gyratory

The kerb line, footway and drainage works adjacent to High Road were completed two weeks ahead of schedule to minimise disruption to this busy pedestrian area. Works are continuing around the gyratory and the pedestrian crossing on the northern side will remain closed until all works in the area are completed.

Ilford Lane

Kerbing, footway and drainage works are continuing in various areas along Ilford Lane. The rolling sequence of works has seen parking restrictions and bus stop closures in the construction areas. Some areas have already been completed and bus stops and parking reopened including Wingate Road to Hampton Road on the eastern side and Norman Road to Tanner Street on the western side. Skanska and TfL appreciate the cooperation and patience from everyone along Ilford Lane, particularly local businesses, while these improvement works are done.



Bastable Avenue

Having started at the junction with River Road, ELT is taking shape with new footway, kerbing and drainage works along Bastable Avenue. Although the majority of works have been completed on the northern footway between the junction of River Road and the oval-a-bout, revisits will be required to install street lighting and complete the works associated with bus stops. Works are progressing east of the oval-a-bout. Residents in the area have been very helpful with allowing Skanska to complete work on driveways.

Barking Town Centre

Businesses in and visitors to Barking will have noticed the changes underway in Barking Town Centre. ELT is providing a bus route directly through the town that will drop off and pick up passengers right on the doorstep of the retail centre. Kerbing has been completed and tarmacing is underway. Once completed, because of the changes through Barking Town Centre, ELT will offer journey time savings for passengers.



ELT Barking Town Centre to Dagenham Dock via the Barking Riverside Development

The second phase of ELT is currently entering detailed design. Land requirements were set in the preliminary design stage and a Compulsory Purchase Order has been made with the objection period finishing on April 24th, 2009. All parties affected by this Order have been contacted. Ground investigation works will be undertaken at the end of April however will not cause any delays to traffic. Construction of the second phase is due to commence in the middle of 2010.

Staying informed

Website

For more information about the ELT and its progress, visit the TfL website at www.tfl.gov.uk/elt, or your borough websites.

Get in touch

We would love to hear your views on ELT and how the scheme will benefit you. To share a comment with us, ask a question or let us know about issues affecting you, please contact us and we will get back to you to discuss your queries.

For information about the construction of the first phase of ELT, call Skanska Utilities Customer Care Centre:

Freephone: 0800 066 5006 (between 08:00 - 17:00, Monday to Friday). At all other times, please leave a message on the automated service, or speak to the Out of Hours team if your query is urgent.

For general information about the scheme, contact TfL:

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