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TRANSPORT FOR LONDON

150th UNDERGROUND ANNIVERSARY OYSTER CARD TO GO ON SALE

7 December 2012



2013 marks 150 years since the very first Underground journey was made between Paddington and Farringdon on the Metropolitan Line. To celebrate this special 150th anniversary a souvenir Oyster card will go on sale from 10 December 2012.

This celebratory Oyster card features the new Underground 150th anniversary logo which is set against a background of vintage Underground logos or 'roundels' from the early beginnings of the network to the present day.

Passengers can use this souvenir Oyster card across the TfL network in the same way that they usually do, either as pay as you go or by adding their Travelcard to it. These cards are a limited edition and will be available at LU stations and TfL Travel Information Centres.

LONDON UNDERGROUND CAR PARKING CHARGES TO CHANGE IN JANUARY 2013

13 December 2012

Transport for London has announced changes to its parking charges at London Underground stations to bring the prices more into line with other local car parks. Charges will still remain considerably cheaper for passengers than the vast majority of alternative car parks. The new charges will be introduced on Saturday 5 January 2013.

TfL has around 11,000 car parking spaces at London Underground stations, with most in Outer London boroughs. The 59 car parks are all managed through a contract by NCP on behalf of TfL. The last price increase at TfL's car parks was in September 2010. All the car parks are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Revenues generated from the car parks are reinvested into the car parks and the transport network to improve services for commuters. TfL ensures that all of its car parks are maintained to the highest standards with full CCTV coverage at all the sites.

Since August 2009, all station car parks managed by NCP on behalf of TfL have attained the Safer Parking Award status. The Safer Parking Scheme is designed to set a standard for car park operators to adhere to regarding the safety of the car park. These standards are assessed each year with all car parks maintaining their awards year on year.

Two car parks, Eastcote and Harrow & Wealdstone, will see a decrease in their current weekday tariffs to bring them more in line with other local parking charges. In addition, the following stations also have car parking facilities, although these are not the responsibility of London Underground:

Amersham	Hammersmith	Richmond	West Ruislip
Burnt Oak	Morden	Upminster	Wimbledon
Chesham	Pinner	Walthamstow Central	

Sixteen car parks are currently classed as 'A' car parks – they have 250 or more spaces and are staffed from 07.00 to 19.00 Monday to Saturday. Twenty-five car parks are classed as 'B' car parks, with 71 to 249 spaces and are manned from 07.00 to 09.30 and again from 16.30 to 19.00 Monday to Friday and from 08.00 to 13.00 on Saturdays. The remaining 18 car parks are classed as 'C' car parks – they have 1 to 70 spaces and are un-manned, however, these car parks receive at least two mobile patrol visits per day Monday to Saturday. On Sundays, the car parks are monitored via the CCTV operation from NCP's National Operations Centre. Car parks and their charges are:

	Current Tariff	Tariff from 05.01.13	Car Park	Current Tariff	Tariff from 05.01.13
Eastcote	£4.50	£3.00	Hounslow West	£4.50	£5.00
Chalfont & Latimer	£3.50	£4.00	Loughton	£4.50	£5.00
Chorleywood	£3.50	£4.00	Mill Hill East	£4.50	£5.00
Croxley	£3.50	£4.00	Moor Park	£3.50	£5.00
Hornchurch	£3.50	£4.00	Hainault	£3.50	£5.00
Ickenham	£3.50	£4.00	Harrow On the Hill *	–	£5.00
North Ealing	£3.50	£4.00	High Barnet	£4.50	£5.00
Northwood	£3.50	£4.00	Hounslow East	£4.50	£5.00
Perivale	£3.50	£4.00	Newbury Park	£4.50	£5.00
Rayners Lane	£3.50	£4.00	Oakwood	£4.50	£5.00
Ruislip	£3.50	£4.00	Queensbury	£4.00	£5.00
Ruislip Gardens	£3.50	£4.00	Redbridge	£4.00	£5.00
South Harrow	£3.50	£4.00	Stanmore	£4.50	£5.00
South Ruislip	£3.40	£4.00	Theydon Bois	£3.50	£5.00
Sudbury Town	£4.00	£4.00	Wanstead	£4.00	£5.00
Totteridge & Whetstone	£3.50	£4.00	Wembley Park	£4.00	£5.00
Watford	£3.00	£4.00	Woodford	£4.00	£5.00
Woodside Park	£3.50	£4.00	Blackhorse Rd	£5.00	£6.00
Arnos Grove	£4.50	£5.00	Epping	£5.50	£6.00
Barkingside	£3.50	£5.00	Harrow & Wealdstone	£8.00	£6.00
Brent Cross	£4.00	£5.00	Highgate	£4.50	£6.00
Buckhurst Hill	£4.50	£5.00	Hillingdon	£5.00	£6.00
Canons Park	£4.00	£5.00	Leytonstone	£4.50	£6.00
Cockfosters	£4.50	£5.00	Osterley	£4.50	£6.00
Colindale	£3.50	£5.00	Snaresbrook	£4.50	£6.00
Debden	£3.50	£5.00	South Woodford	£4.50	£6.00
East Finchley	£4.50	£5.00	Tottenham Hale	£5.50	£7.00
Fairlop	£3.50	£5.00	North Greenwich	£8.00	£11.00
Finchley Central	£4.50	£5.00	Hatton Cross	£9.00	£11.00
Greenford	£4.00	£5.00			

* Harrow on the Hill comprises two season-ticket-only car parks. It is proposed to convert one to a daily tariff.

Many weekend charges have increased, but are normally considerably less than Monday to Friday rates.

TfL AND MAYOR SET OUT PLANS TO HUGELY IMPROVE TRANSPORT ACCESSIBILITY

19 December 2012

The Mayor of London and Transport for London today set out an ambitious programme of work to make London's transport network much more accessible in the coming years. Hundreds of millions of pounds are already being invested, with huge improvements being made to transport infrastructure such as stations, bus stops and trains. The new programme outlined today will build on and expand this – making travelling around London much easier for many people and radically improving to the information available to disabled passengers as they plan and make journeys.

London will see a further 28 step-free London Underground and London Overground stations over the next 10 years – as well as dozens of National Rail stations and accessible Crossrail stations in the heart of the city. On the Underground alone, the number of journeys made by step-free routes each year will almost treble, from 67 million at present to 189 million in 2021.

To support this, informed by the successful experience of the 2012 Games, the Mayor and TfL will be making a huge range of improvements on top of the hundreds of millions of pounds already being invested in accessibility projects, including:

- Manual Boarding Ramps, which proved popular during the London 2012 Games, help bridge the gap between platform and train. These will now be kept at the current 16 stations and will be introduced at more stations throughout 2013.
- Completely redeveloping the TfL website with clearer, easier to read content.

- Reviewing and improving signage and wayfinding throughout the Underground network to make it easier for people to navigate through stations across the whole system.
- Improving the way that step-free advice is displayed to make it clearer which stations have level access throughout and which are step-free in the station but have a gap between the platform and the train.
- Working with developers to produce apps that make TfL's real-time information for the bus and Underground networks accessible, particularly for people with sight loss, and motor and learning disabilities.
- Upgrading Journey Planner to include further information on the accessibility of the network, making the step-free Underground guide available in smartphone apps, and creating an Accessibility Twitter feed.
- Working with Network Rail and the Association of Train Operating Companies to produce a map that gives an overview of step-free access across all rail services in the Capital for the first time.
- Improving the way TfL engages with disabled passengers to incorporate new ideas in future changes to the network.
- Work is underway to identify further measures to make travelling on the Underground easier. These will be set out in Spring 2013.

Many large-scale accessibility improvements are already underway across the transport network, including TfL investing £250 million in step-free projects at Bond Street, Finsbury Park, Greenford, Tottenham Court Road, Vauxhall and Victoria. More step-free projects are being progressed with third party developers and additional stations are being made partially step free. By the end of 2014, the fleet of 53 Hammersmith & City and Circle Line trains will have been transformed. Between 2013 and 2016, an additional 80 new trains will be introduced to the District Line, meaning that 40 per cent of the network will be served by air-conditioned trains with high standards of accessibility such as dedicated wheelchair space, low floors and wider doors. TfL is also installing 80 wide aisle gates at 60 stations by 2013, increasing the number of platform humps to provide level access at a third of stations by 2016, and installing tactile paving on all platform edges across the network.

DLR OPERATING CONTRACT EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 2014

7 January 2013

Transport for London announced today that the Docklands Light Railway has granted an 18-month extension to its contract with Serco Docklands Ltd to operate the railway on its behalf. Following a hugely successful Olympic and Paralympic Games and sustained levels of train punctuality since the Games, TfL has taken up the option of extending its existing contract with Serco Docklands for the operation of the railway. Under the contract, Serco will continue to be responsible for the operation of the DLR train services, maintenance of the network (except for the Lewisham, Woolwich and Stratford International extensions which have separate maintainers) and maintenance of the DLR rolling stock.

The extension will continue on the same terms as the original contract award in 2006 and will run from April 2013 to September 2014.

PASSENGERS TO BENEFIT FROM £45M UPGRADE OF VAUXHALL UNDERGROUND STATION

7 January 2013

The number of passengers using Vauxhall Underground station is set to increase by 40 per cent over the next few years. In order to create extra space, the ticket hall will be reconfigured to allow an improvement and expansion of the ticket gates, reducing congestion within the station. The station, its subways and stairways will be completely refurbished and a lift will be installed between the ticket hall and platforms.

This, combined with the existing lift from the bus station to the Underground ticket hall, will deliver step-free access to Victoria Line trains.

Network Rail is also now completing the national rail station's upgrade, which includes more lifts to improve accessibility, thus creating a fully accessible interchange between rail, bus and Underground.

CROSSRAIL

CROSSRAIL'S 4TH TUNNELLING MACHINE 'VICTORIA' STARTS JOURNEY

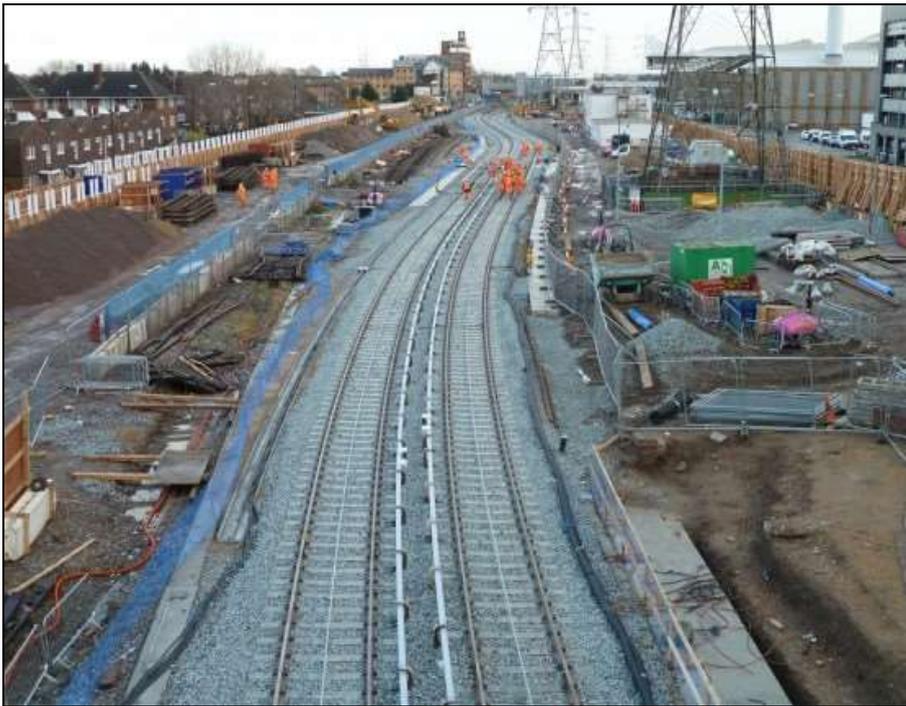
12 December 2012

The latest addition to Crossrail's tunnelling team – 1,000 tonne Victoria – has begun work, joining sister tunnelling machine Elizabeth to create the eastern section of the new rail line between Docklands and central London. The two machines will create the 8.3km (5.16 miles) eastern tunnels from Docklands to Farringdon – Crossrail's longest tunnel section.

Elizabeth and Victoria are Crossrail's third and fourth tunnelling machines and follow Phyllis and Ada who were launched in west London earlier this year. Elizabeth and Victoria will tunnel beneath the River Lea through new Crossrail stations at Canary Wharf, Whitechapel and Liverpool Street before arriving at Farringdon in late 2014.

CROSSRAIL CHRISTMAS DLR WORK COMPLETED IN EAST LONDON

2 January 2013



A team of 200 workers completed major engineering works to the Docklands Light Railway tracks near the ExCeL Exhibition Centre over Christmas to enable construction of Crossrail's new Victoria Dock Portal to get underway. Construction teams worked around the clock from Sunday 23 December, through Christmas Day and Boxing Day to move both tracks of the DLR route next to ExCeL. Final track adjustments were then made on New Year's Day after new signalling was installed by DLR's contractors. In total, some 420 metres of twin DLR tracks were renewed and realigned

The track work was essential to create space for the construction of Victoria Dock Portal that will allow the new Crossrail trains to move from the surface railway from the east, into the route's new central tunnelled section. Work will shortly get underway to construct Victoria Dock Portal.