

# **EDITED PRESS RELEASES**

## **TRANSPORT FOR LONDON**

### **NEW TICKET GATES AT KENSINGTON (OLYMPIA) STATION**

**8 April 2013**

Transport for London will be introducing automatic ticket gates and also preserving pedestrian access across a footbridge at London Overground's Kensington (Olympia) station. The gates will be installed in July in the refurbished booking hall on the Olympia Way entrance to the station, as well as the Russell Road entrance, and will help tackle fare evasion and improve security. While the gates are being installed, an additional staircase will also be built to relieve congestion and provide an unobstructed pedestrian route between Olympia Way and Russell Road. Work is due to start on Monday 15 April and is expected to be completed by mid-July 2013. Free pedestrian access over the station will be maintained during the work.

### **DLR ANNOUNCES SHORT LIST OF BIDDERS FOR NEW FRANCHISE**

**17 April 2013**

Transport for London today announced the names of the companies shortlisted to bid for its new Docklands Light Railway franchise. The bidders are:

- Stagecoach Rail Projects Ltd.
- A joint venture between Keolis (UK) Ltd and Amey Rail Ltd.
- A joint venture between Go Ahead PLC and Colas Rail Ltd.
- Serco Ltd.

This shortlist is as a result of the pre-qualification process undertaken following the publication of a notice in the Official Journal of the European Union. TfL will now be issuing an Invitation to Tender to these companies within the next few weeks. Under the new franchise, TfL wants to ensure that:

- Service reliability continues to improve.
- Trains, stations and track are maintained to support service reliability.
- Capacity on the railway continues to grow to support development in the Docklands area and along the railway's routes.
- Passenger satisfaction continues to grow.
- The environmental impact of the railway is reduced.
- Safety performance continues to improve.
- A good value-for-money service is delivered for passengers and tax-payers.

The new franchise is due to commence on 14 September 2014. The current franchise operated by Serco Limited was originally due to expire in March 2013. It was extended until 14 September 2014 to allow exclusive focus on delivering services for the London 2012 Olympics. Once received, Invitations to Tender from the shortlisted companies will be considered and a decision on the successful bidder is expected to be made around the middle of 2014.

## **CROSSRAIL**

### **CROSSRAIL AWARDS MAJOR TUNNEL FIT-OUT CONTRACT**

**2 April 2013**

Crossrail today announced that it intends to award the contract to undertake the major fit-out of the new rail tunnels to a joint venture comprising Costain Ltd., TSO and Alstom Transport. The award of the tunnel fit-out contract is the last major construction contract to be awarded by Crossrail. When construction concludes, work will get underway to fit-out the tunnels with the necessary track, overhead power equipment and services. This will include the installation of over 40km of track, overhead electric conductor rails as well as ventilation and drainage systems. The new Crossrail tunnels will also require 48 ventilation fans, 40km of walkways, 66 drainage pumps, 40km of fire mains as well as lighting throughout the entire length. The fit-out works will be carried out within the entire tunnelled section of the Crossrail route between Royal Oak, Pudding Mill Lane and Plumstead Portals.

## **WHITECHAPEL STATION TRANSFORMATION ON TRACK AS CROSSRAIL STARTS WORK ON LOCAL STREET IMPROVEMENTS**

**29 April 2013**

Work to transform Whitechapel station for new Crossrail services is making good progress as the project moves into an important stage of construction, including the start of work on local street improvements. Key design elements of the new Whitechapel station include preserving the existing heritage station entrance with a more spacious forecourt area, a new ticket hall and larger concourse built above the London Overground tracks stretching from the station entrance on Whitechapel Road to Durward Street, a new pedestrian walkway providing a safe route for local residents from Durward Street on to Whitechapel Road, and a more integrated station layout allowing easy, step-free interchanges between Crossrail, London Underground and London Overground.

Early next year, the existing station entrance on Whitechapel Road will be temporarily closed to allow improvement works to take place. A new temporary station entrance will be created on Durward Street, accessible from Whitechapel Road via Court Street and Fulbourne Street. The bridge section of Court Street will be closed towards the end of next week to allow the first phase of works to take place. The southern section of Court Street will initially remain open but will then be closed later this year to allow the improvement works to continue.

Work is continuing across a number of sites in the local area and progress made to-date and future construction activity includes:

- Tunnelling work taking place around 32 metres below ground to create around 1km of new station platforms and cross passages for Crossrail services.
- Tunnelling work underway to create 355 metres of cross passages and 640 metres of twin platform tunnels for the new station – each platform tunnel is 9 metres in diameter and will accommodate the new 250 metre long platforms.
- Excavation work underway to create a 35 metre deep shaft near Durward Street – the Durward Street shaft will sit at the north-west end of the new station concourse and will form the main access route to the Crossrail platforms.
- Work underway to create a 30 metre wide, 35 metre deep shaft close to Cambridge Heath Road – the shaft will be located at the eastern end of the new Crossrail platforms and used for tunnel ventilation and emergency access once Crossrail services start operating. Shaft excavations have already reached a depth of 22 metres.
- A range of utility works are nearing completion in the local area to check the condition of existing gas and water pipes and other utilities ahead of Crossrail's tunnelling machines passing through the Whitechapel area later this year.

The construction of the new Whitechapel station is a challenging project with work taking place in multiple sites within a confined area – station improvements are being delivered within the constraints of the existing London Underground and London Overground lines as well as a number of residential buildings, local businesses and roads.