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Map 2: Transport impacts of the London 2012 Games in the City

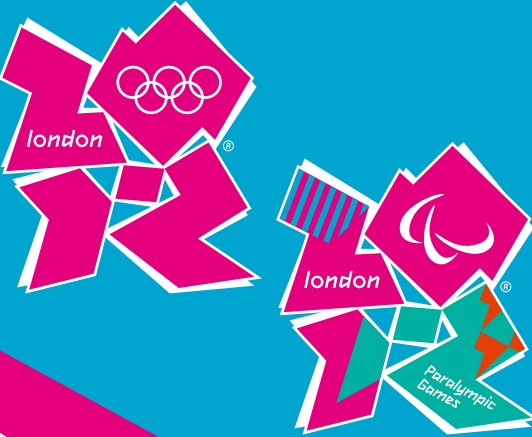
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Thousands of additional people will travel through the City during the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The public transport and road networks will be affected at certain times during the Games.

This map gives you an overview of the effects of the Games on transport in the City. Plan ahead to avoid busy times and locations.

The London 2012 Olympic Games will take place from **27 July – 12 August**.

The London 2012 Paralympic Games will take place from **29 August – 9 September**.



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Hundreds of thousands of spectators expected to attend road events.

Venues
The Games are being held across London. Several sporting events will take place in central London (Map 1). Particularly high numbers of spectators and visitors are expected in the Central London Zone which covers the areas from Trafalgar Square and the Victoria Embankment to Hyde Park Corner and Marble Arch. The Central London Zone extends to the west of the City and is highlighted on the map in yellow. Venues in close proximity to the City include Horse Guards Parade to the west and the Olympic Park to the east. Road events will take place in the area and will impact local roads.

Road events
Roads will be closed for the Olympic and Paralympic Marathons shown on the map in blue. These events are expected to attract hundreds of thousands of spectators, with significant associated impacts on roads, public transport and pedestrian footways in the City.

For the safety of athletes and spectators, the roads used during the Olympic and Paralympic road events will be closed to traffic well before the races begin and will remain closed for some time after the event. Some other roads near the race routes will also be closed so that spectators can watch the race safely.

This may also affect access to rail and Underground stations and bus stops and routes in the City. Once finalised, the exact times of road closures will be widely publicised to all those likely to be affected, including local businesses and residents.

Live Sites
Thousands of people are expected to view Olympic events on big screens at the Live Site in Victoria Park, shown on the map with a pink square. Live Sites are expected to attract large numbers of people and are likely to have an impact on activity in the adjacent streets. Victoria Park has a capacity of 30,000. A Live Site is also proposed for Potter’s Fields.

Torch Relay
After months travelling throughout the UK, the Olympic Torch will pass through every London Borough between 21–27 July. On 26 July, the day before the Olympic Games Opening Ceremony, the Torch will visit the City.

The Torch will travel in a police convoy with rolling road closures. No large-scale road closures are expected, although there may be some disruption to the transport network. This may include bus diversions and changes to parking and loading facilities along some parts of the route. Once the Torch Relay route has been finalised, more information will be made available to ensure you can plan ahead.

The London 2012 Paralympic Torch Relay will be in London on 28–29 August 2012.

Cultural events
A large number of cultural events are also planned before and during the Olympic and Paralympic Games in London and around the UK. To find out what is planned in the City, visit london2012.com/cultural-olympiad.

30,000 people expected to attend Victoria Park Live Site.

Public transport
Some stations will be affected by the Games at certain times and certain locations and businesses will need to plan their journeys carefully. At some stations, people may have to wait to access train services and trains will be much busier. However, not all stations will be affected and the situation will vary by day and time.

Some stations will operate differently to manage the large number of additional passengers, including entry or exit-only, one-way movement or temporary closures where capacity is not high enough to cope with the demand.

Stations that are recommended for Games venues and Live Sites will be particularly busy and should be avoided where possible. On road event days, stations near the race route are likely to be very busy. Affected London Underground, DLR and London Overground stations are identified on the map with a pink line around the station icon and name.

Some main line rail stations are also expected to be very busy during the Games.

GetAheadoftheGames.com contains information about the public transport and road networks during the Games.

Buses
There will be temporary changes to some bus services during the Games. Buses will run more frequently on many routes to cater for increased demand, whilst some diversions will be needed as a result of temporary road changes.

The highway network is expected to be busier than usual in some places, particularly along or near to the Olympic Route Network and Paralympic Route Network, where temporary traffic management measures have been introduced. On road event days there will also be changes to routes in central London. Please allow more time for your journey during the Games.

All changes will be publicised well in advance of the Games to help passengers plan their journeys.

Driving in this area
Seventy per cent of road journeys in London will be unaffected by the Games and no planned roadworks will be carried out on key routes in the capital for a period before and during the Games. However, at certain times and locations, roads will be affected by Games operations or by the traffic displaced by Games operations.

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Temporary banned turns, changes to parking and loading facilities and changes to some traffic signals associated with the Olympic – and slightly smaller Paralympic – Route Network (ORN and PRN) will affect road users. The ORN and PRN will be used by athletes, officials and others who make the Games happen, to travel between venues, accommodation and transport hubs. The ORN and PRN are highlighted on the map in orange.

The vast majority of roads on the ORN and PRN will remain open to all road users during the Games. Parking restrictions and alterations to junctions may significantly reduce the number of hours that kerbside access is permitted and have an impact on normal delivery and collection operations.

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Residents and Business Parking Protection Area
The area immediately around Games venues will be subject to additional restrictions. Temporary resident and business parking protection areas will be implemented to prevent spectators from parking around the venue and to protect parking for residents and local businesses.

In some areas, there are existing controlled parking zones or event day parking zones. The operating hours of these zones may be temporarily changed to protect resident and business parking spaces during events. Where there are no parking controls around a venue, a new temporary parking zone will be introduced to prioritise parking for residents and local businesses.

Each venue will also have a temporary traffic management area, which will include traffic management measures to provide safe access for visitors to the venue, such as temporary road closures and banned turns. Access to some streets may be limited to local residents and businesses.

The residents and business parking protection area around the Olympic Park and Greenwich Park extend into this area. The residents and parking protection area is shown on the map in beige.

While minimising disruption to local residents and businesses is important, the temporary changes to the road network may affect deliveries, collections and servicing activity. Find out more at tfl.gov.uk/2012freight.

River services
An enhanced level of service will operate. However, services will be considerably busier than usual. Make sure you book your river travel in advance.

Walking and cycling
Walking could be the most convenient way to travel in the City – particularly from rail termini.

Cycling could be an attractive option for some journeys with the TfL cycle hire stations available nearby. Some cycle hire docking stations near venues may be closed due to traffic management arrangements.

In some places near to sporting venues, road event routes, Live Sites and transport hubs, the movement of high numbers of pedestrians will be managed by stewards. Footways are likely to be busy when the Torch Relay passes through this area.

Prepare for the Games

The Games will affect staff, deliveries and customers. Ensure your business is well-placed to take advantage of opportunities this summer and to minimise the impacts on staff, deliveries and customers:

- **Reduce** non-essential trips to minimise disruption to your staff, visitors and suppliers.
- **Re-time** essential journeys to avoid busy periods.
- **Re-route** essential journeys to avoid busy areas.
- **Revise mode.** Use a different type of transport such as walking or cycling to make essential journeys.

Support including workshops, drop-in sessions and templates are available to help you prepare.

To find out about the likely impacts on your essential journeys and for tips about travelling during the Games visit **GetAheadoftheGames.com** or tfl.gov.uk/2012.

Table 1: Dates of road events in the area