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Dear All

As you will be aware, we have completed the new Cowper Street station entrance, switched road traffic movement to two-way and introduced sections of segregated cycle lanes as part of our improvement work at Old Street. Like many major construction projects during Covid-19, we have worked for quite some time with a restricted number of people on site which has slowed down our progress.

We have also discovered some uncharted utility pipes and cables in the ground which have required diversion to another location and encountered issues with the power supply to the new main station area.

As a result, we have reviewed the programme timescales and we now expect to complete works to the new main station entrance and the majority of highways works by Winter 2022. By this time, we'll have new traffic signals in place and the road will be resurfaced. There will be some work that continues until Spring 2023, as we finish improving the lighting, paving and street furniture in the new public space. We'll also bring the passenger and goods lifts into full use then. There'll still be some pedestrian diversions in place while these works progress.

I want to reassure you we will continue to work hard to complete these works by Spring 2023 and we will continue to keep disruption to a minimum. We are in the final stages of the project, the Cowper Street entrance is completed and in use, we have refurbished and re-opened the City Road north exit stair, and we will continue to open sections of new segregated cycle lanes as and when they are completed.

We're proud to be working on behalf of Londoners and everyone who uses these roads, pavement and station to deliver this scheme, which will improve walking and cycling conditions for everyone who uses this busy area. We would like to thank you for your patience, particularly while we have navigated the constraints and challenges of the past few years, as we deliver the last phase of the project.

Once complete, the transformation of Old Street will improve this vibrant part of the capital for Londoners.

For more information on the Old Street roundabout and station developments, please visit: www.tfl.gov.uk/travel-information/improvements-and-projects/old-street-roundabout. Please also find attached a copy of the latest edition of the Old Street newsletter on the scheme. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

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Old Street roundabout redevelopment

Works update - March 2022

What's happening at Old Street?

The new year has seen the landscape continue to evolve at Old Street. The new station entrance can now be seen above the hoarding as it continues to emerge from under ground. On the junction itself, the new segregated cycle lanes and footways are taking shape as we continue to make the area around Old Street station more friendly for people walking and cycling.

What's happening next?

As we work hard towards completing the Old Street project, we want to keep you informed about what is happening, when, and what that means to you.

Project Completion

We would like to take this opportunity to update you on a revised project completion date which has been extended from Autumn 2022 to Spring 2023, with highway works to be substantially completed by Winter 2022.

The revised dates have been caused by the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic affecting productivity levels on site and the discovery of several uncharted utility services buried in the ground. These needed to be moved before construction work could continue.

While constructing the new station entrance, it also became clear that the existing power supply was insufficient to supply all of the newly built and refurbished assets like the new station entrances, lifts, and retail concourse in St Agnes' Well. This meant that we needed to upgrade the power supply – an unforeseen addition to the project – and designing and constructing this has taken additional time.

Please bear with us while we continue the transformation of Old Street Roundabout. We thank you for your ongoing patience during these essential improvement works.

Re-opening of Bus Stop 'K' – Old Street east

On the east side of the junction, the eastbound traffic lane on Old Street will be reopened at the end of March after we have completed nearby drainage and paving works.

This also allows us to reopen bus stop 'K' from 28 March 2022. We understand the impact that bus stop closures can have on you and we would like to thank you for your patience while we made these essential improvements.

Opening of new south bound cycle lane – City Road south

Recent weeks have seen lots of activity to the south of Old Street junction, with completion of a new cycle lane and renewed footway on the east side of City Road south. The team has been pushing hard to complete these works after frustrating hold-ups in this location. The discovery of uncharted buried utility services (Gas, Water, Electric), which were outside of our control, significantly impacted progress of our work here.

The cycle lane opened on 21 March 2022 and we are pleased to see cyclists and pedestrians benefitting from increased capacity when travelling through this part of the junction.



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Key dates

Summer 2022

- Interim exit provided through main station entrance stairs
- Final change to traffic management layout
- Closure of Subway 3

Winter 2022

- Highway works substantially complete

Spring 2023

- Project finishes on site



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New main station entrance – stairs opening June 2022

Construction of the main station entrance is really starting to take shape. Strengthening works to support the new entrance structure are complete, and the pre-cast concrete stair sections and central column have already been installed and can be seen emerging from the ground.

In June this year, an interim exit route will be provided through the new entrance while works to build the superstructure continue.

Temporary scaffolding towers have been erected to enable the installation of the pre-cast concrete arms which branch off the central column. A crane on site is lifting the large structural sections into position (pictured below left and middle). This complex installation will complete the tree-like structure that supports the new entrance roof.

Once completed, the new entrance will have a green roof to complement the surrounding new public space and environment (pictured below right). We look forward to sharing more progress with you in our next update.



Final traffic management changes – June 2022

Our final traffic management weekend is scheduled to take place over the weekend of 10, 11 and 12 June 2022. Over the weekend we will complete a large scope of works, with a particular focus the highway and surface level works such as traffic islands, lighting columns and signals that will allow the junction to operate safely. Works are scheduled over one weekend to minimise the impact of several road closures.

Permanent closure of Subway 3 – June 2022

As the junction progresses towards its final layout, the two new station entrances will replace the original subway exits. When an interim exit route is provided through the new main station entrance in June 2022, Subway 3 (southwest exit) will be permanently closed so that we can construct the cycle lane and widen the pavement on Old Street west.

We thank you for your ongoing patience while we complete the essential improvement works at Old Street. In our next update in June, we look forward to updating you on these completed works and major milestones for the project.

How do I get in touch?

For general information about the scheme, please visit our project website:

[Old Street roundabout - Transport for London \(tfl.gov.uk\)](https://www.tfl.gov.uk/roadworks/projects/oldstreetroundabout)

If you have any questions about the ongoing works, please contact:

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