

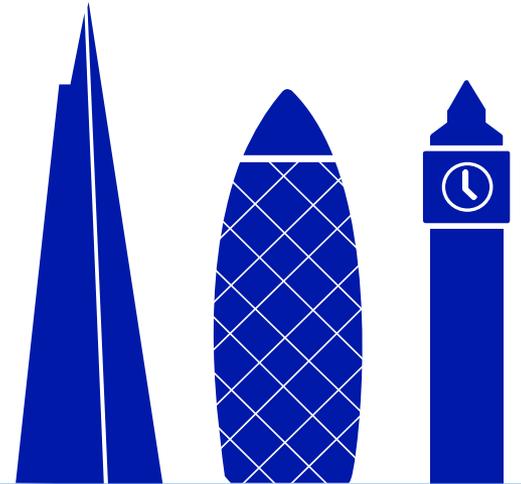
# Royal Borough of Greenwich

Annual Scrutiny Meeting

Transport for London  
Update – October 2021

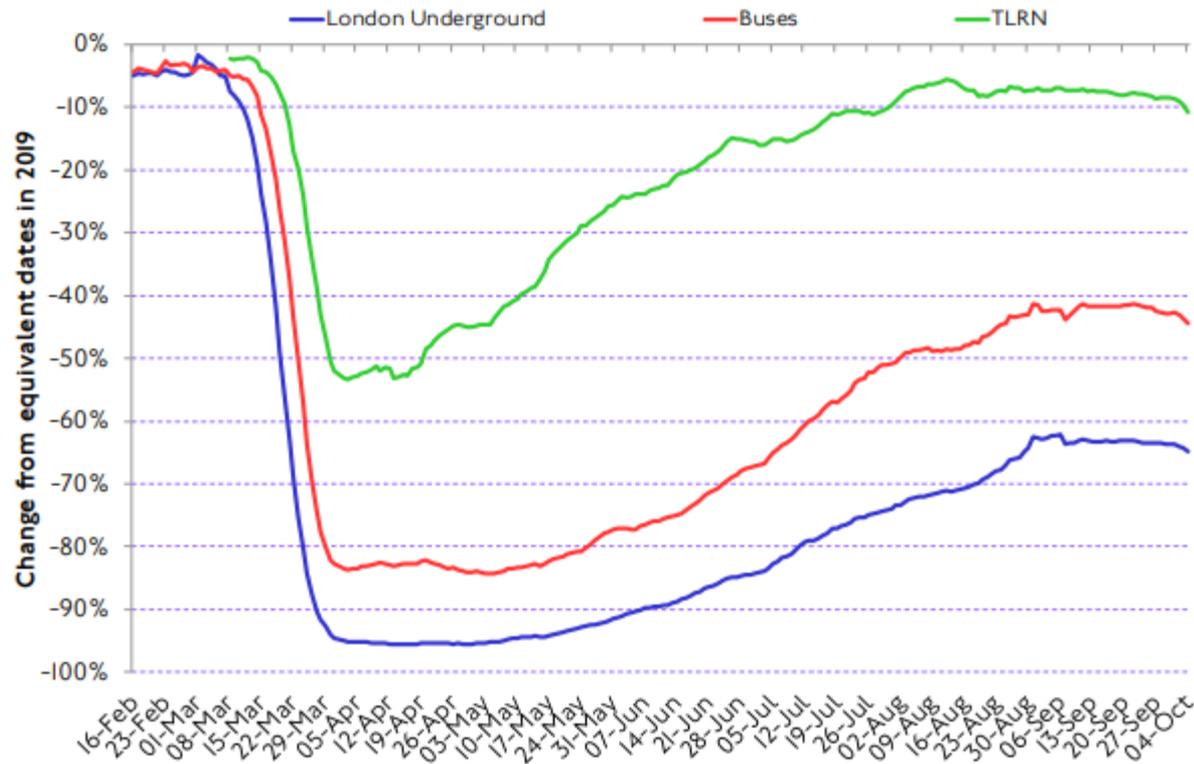


# TfL Finances & Covid-19



# Impact of lockdown on ridership and revenue 1

Figure 9 Change in demand on the main transport networks, 7-day moving average, 2020 vs 2019.



# Impact of lockdown on ridership and revenue 2

- **The pandemic has had a catastrophic effect on TfL finances**
- **The majority of our revenue came from fares income**
- **We have been able to keep the network operational through a series of short term funding settlements**
- **The latest of these expires on 11 December 2021**
- **Until ridership stabilises we will require some level of government subsidy to continue operating**
- **We would like to partner with Government and move to a predictable and efficient system of multi-year investment control periods. (Similar to the system enjoyed by Network Rail.)**
- **The situation has meant difficulty in longer term planning and strategy and also in how we have been able to provide funding to boroughs for your own proposals.**



# Current recovery position 1

## Recent ridership figures:

### Last week - commencing 18 October

- Weekday tube ridership - reached 60 per cent of pre-pandemic levels
- Weekday bus ridership – reached 73 per cent of pre-pandemic levels

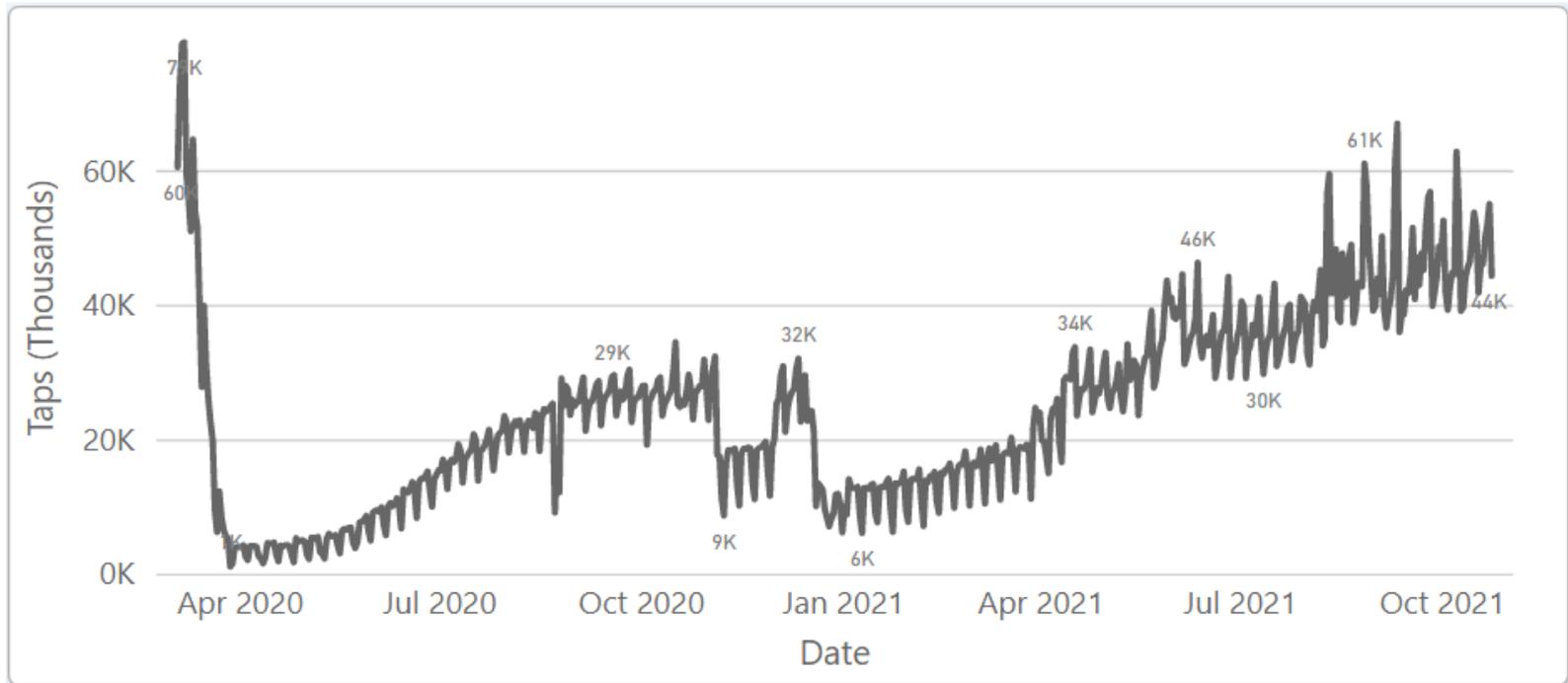
### Last Weekend – 23/24 October

- Weekend tube ridership – reached 80 per cent of pre-pandemic levels
- Weekend bus ridership – reached 80 per cent of pre-pandemic levels

This is a steady increase on figures from earlier in the spring and summer and we continue to monitor to assess how factors such as increased home working may affect commuting patterns and demand going into the 'new normal'.



## Current recovery position 2 – local snapshot – North Greenwich



- **Summary of passengers using North Greenwich since April 2020 until October 2021.**
- **Ridership has tended to be higher at weekends due to the O2.**

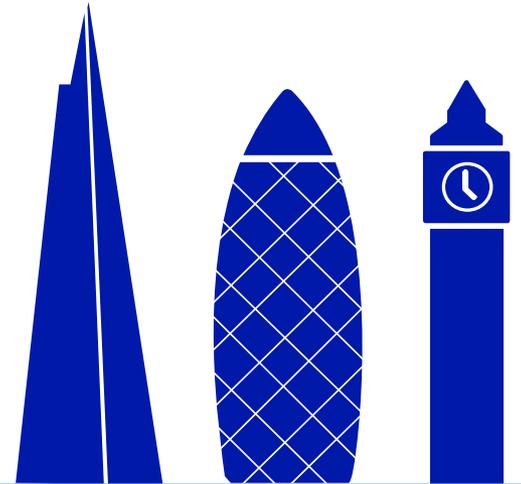


# Night Tube and the Jubilee Line

- **Night tube returned on Victoria and Central Lines – the busiest Night Tube lines pre-pandemic on 27 November**
- **Other Night Tube lines, including the Jubilee will see services return as soon as practicable in 2022.**
- **Return needs to be staggered as drivers are needed to ensure we can run a complete service during the busier times of day**
- **Night tube operators have been covering day shifts to accommodate factors such as increasing demand and ongoing Covid related staff absences**
- **The pandemic has also impacted on our ability to train new drivers. Training has now resumed but Covid measures mean the capacity for training is lower.**
- **Driver training takes 12-14 weeks and is specific to particular lines/train rolling stock.**



# TfL Strategic Updates



# ULEZ expansion update

- **Ultra Low Emission Zone expanded up to (but not including) the North and South Circular roads on Monday 25 October (operating 24 hours a day, every day except Christmas day).**
- **Four out of five vehicles already meet the ULEZ standards and these drivers will not have to pay any additional charges**
- **87 per cent of cars are now ULEZ compliant compared with 39 per cent in February 2017 when the expansion was announced**
- **The central London ULEZ has shown that impacts on air quality take place quickly and since changes to the central London zone were made in February 2017 nitrous oxide emissions in the zone have reduced by 44 per cent.**
- **The expanded zone is expected to reduce NOX emissions by 30 per cent during the remainder of this year.**



# Bus Action Plan

- **Bus travel is the most commonly used form of transport after walking**
- **62% of Londoners use the bus at least once a week**
- **The pandemic has created unprecedented challenges for London**
- **Improving bus services is critical to making London more inclusive, reducing carbon emissions, tackling the health crisis and avoiding a car-led recovery**
- **We are developing a Bus Action Plan which sets out how we can do this**
  
- **The five themes contained in the Action Plan focus on Safety and Security, Inclusive Customer Experience, Journey Times, Connectivity and Environment.**
  
- **Members briefing will be taking place in due course.**



# Updated Vision Zero Action Plan (VZAP)

- **The Mayor has set a target of eliminating death and serious injury on London's roads by 2041**
- **While this is ambitious, it is achievable, as cities such as Oslo have shown**
- **In the three years since we published our VZAP, new trends have emerged:**
- **Disproportionate number of accidents involving powered two wheelers**
- **Disproportionate number of accidents involving people with protected characteristics**
- **Rise in work-related road risk**
- **We will shortly be publishing a revised plan to address these emerging trends**



# Silvertown Tunnel update

- Construction is progressing on schedule and the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) is expected onsite in Spring 2022 (north site)
- Residents concerned by any issues around construction can contact Riverlinx by email at [help@riverlinxcjv.co.uk](mailto:help@riverlinxcjv.co.uk) or by phone at 07907 978 486
- In August 2021 a leaflet was delivered to local residents to promote a new website - [www.riverlinx.co.uk](http://www.riverlinx.co.uk) and virtual exhibition, a quarterly Information bulletin on planned works is provided along with quarterly Community Liaison Group (CLG) meetings chaired by Cllr. Merrill.
- Consultation around the noise barrier for Siebert Road began this week and will run for four weeks.
- Air quality and detailed traffic monitoring are now in place, and we will report on the scheme three years prior to opening and three years post opening.
- A business and residents survey is underway to better understand travel behaviour and the role of cross-river travel in accessing jobs, housing and leisure with results expected early next year.

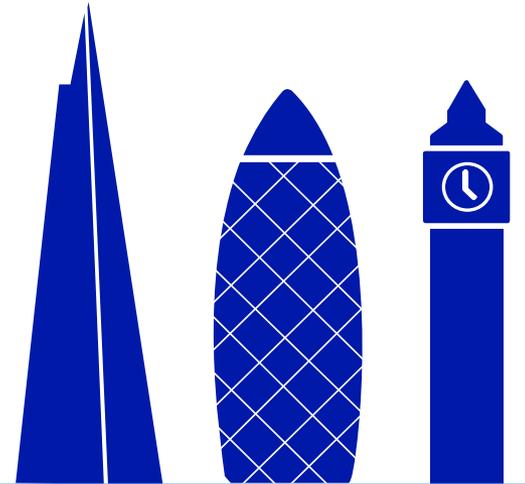


## Step Free Access (SFA) Consultation – 2 November

- Although all Transport for London run stations in Greenwich are already step free, we are gathering strategic views on how we should approach improving access across the rest of the network, given that any resources for further SFA works are likely to be limited.
- We want to know what features in a step-free Tube station Londoners think are most important. For example, is it more important that a step-free Tube station has an interchange on to another line, or, that it is next to a town centre? Should we stick to larger stations with high passenger numbers or do more smaller ones?
- This feedback, along with passenger data, transport modelling, third party funding opportunities, design and engineering investigations, will help us shape how we prioritise and deliver step-free stations into the future. While we don't currently have funding to deliver more step-free stations beyond our existing programme, this consultation will help us take action to meet London's needs as soon as funding becomes available.



# Greenwich Services Updates



# Elizabeth Line 1

## Launch

- Crossrail remains on track to open the Elizabeth line in the first half of 2022 when passenger services commence between Paddington and Abbey Wood
- When the Elizabeth line opens in the first half of 2022, customers travelling between Reading, Heathrow and central London will still initially have to change at Paddington National Rail station and those coming in from Shenfield will need to change at Liverpool Street National Rail station to use Elizabeth line services.
- Full end to end services will be timetabled to commence soon after, no later than May 2023.

## Trial Train Running

- Trial Running of trains through the central tunnels is well underway as part of the major railway trials taking place throughout this year. This is vital to unlocking the pathway to passenger service.
- Trains are now regularly running at 12 trains per hour through the central section.



# Elizabeth Line 2

## Update on stations

- Much of the central section infrastructure is now complete and fit-out is nearing completion at many stations. Custom House, Farringdon, Tottenham Court Road, Woolwich, Liverpool Street, Paddington and Whitechapel stations have now been handed over to TfL.
- Canary Wharf is the next station in line to be transferred to TfL in the coming weeks.
- Bond Street is currently showing encouraging signs that it will meet its requirements to be able to support Trial Operations, although there is still work to do at the station for it to be ready for passenger service.



# DLR – new trains

- Manufacturing of the new trains for our DLR fleet is well under way and two months ahead of schedule.
- Initial run of 20 car bodies for trains 1 to 4, is now in production.
- The first train is now assembled and ready to commence static testing.

**We are on track to start introducing the new trains - and enhanced capacity for the Lewisham and Woolwich lines -into service as planned in early 2024.**



# Greenwich to Woolwich Cycleway

- Scheme launched from Old Royal Naval College to Anchor and Hope Lane in December 2020 as part of measures to provide better facilities for cyclists and encourage active travel.
- Steady increase in cyclists using the cycleway, although early days and usage depends on weather/seasonal changes.
- Currently in discussions with TfL about extending this experimental scheme.



# Woolwich Ferry

- TfL have been operating the ferry since January 2020
- We are now operating a full two-boat service Monday to Friday and a one-boat service on Saturdays and Sundays
- Staff are prioritising keeping the roundabout clear as much as possible although congestion can still occur if other river crossings are closed
- Talks to resolve the ongoing industrial action are ongoing



# Emirates Air Line

- **13 million trips since it's launch in 2012**
- **Busiest ever summer in 2021 with weekly trips averaging 60,000 – including 28,000 on August bank holiday.**
- **Continuing free travel for customers with their bikes until 9.30am Monday-Friday**
- **Going viral – the EAL has been named as one of the 'most Instagrammable' experiences in London and featured in viral TikTok videos.**
- **Ten year sponsorship deal with Emirates ends in June 2022, a new sponsorship deal is currently being sought.**

