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Overview

What are we proposing?

Transport for London (TfL) is proposing two continuous, largely segregated cycle routes through central London.

The **East-West Cycle Superhighway** would run between Tower Hill and Acton, and is being designed in close consultation with our partners City of London and Westminster City Council.

The North-South Cycle Superhighway would run between Elephant & Castle and King's Cross, and is being designed in close consultation with its partners in the boroughs of Southwark, Camden, Islington and the City of London. The southern section between Elephant & Castle and Farringdon station would be a continuous substantially segregated two-way cycle track. North of Farringdon station, the route is planned to connect to a new 'Quietway' back-street cycle route, which would provide cyclists with a route through central London on low-traffic streets and will be consulted on separately. Depending upon the timescales for delivering the section north of Farringdon station, an interim design may be required. This would include changing from the segregated two-way cycle track to facilities either side of the road between Stonecutter Street and Farringdon station.

Our proposals have been designed to provide clear and convenient routes for cyclists, physically separated from other vehicles. We would create space for the new Superhighways by reallocating road space from other traffic and changing the operation of some junctions. This leaflet contains a summary of our proposals. Please visit tfl.gov.uk/cycle-east-west and tfl.gov.uk/cycle-north-south for more details and to have your say.

Why are we proposing this?

Cycling in London has more than doubled in the last decade. Bikes now make up around a quarter of rush hour traffic in central London* - but there are few special routes or facilities for them. The proposed Superhighways would create separated cycle corridors to improve safety and reduce conflict between motor vehicles and cyclists. They have been designed to encourage the large numbers of people who would like to cycle, but currently feel unable to. Data from existing Barclays Cycle Superhighways suggests the new routes would also draw cyclists away from other routes in central London which are less suitable for them.

*Source: TfL Cycle Census 2013

East-West Cycle Superhighway

Where would the East-West Cycle Superhighway go?

The new Superhighway would start at Tower Hill, where it would connect to the existing Barclays Cycle Superhighway Route 3 (CS3), which runs east to Canary Wharf and Barking. From Tower Hill, the new route would run along Lower and Upper Thames Street, Victoria Embankment, across Parliament Square, through St James's Park, Green Park and Hyde Park, and over the Westway flyover from Westbourne Bridge to Wood Lane. From there, it would continue along the A40 Western Avenue as far as Horn Lane, Acton.*

*Consultation on Westway to Acton section at a later date

There would also be connections to other existing and proposed cycle routes, including the proposed North-South Cycle Superhighway from Elephant & Castle to King's Cross, and potential 'Quietway' backstreet routes to other parts of the City, the West End, Paddington, Maida Vale, Notting Hill and many other places. Quietway routes are also being considered to connect the route to Shepherds Bush, Hammersmith, Acton, Wembley and Ealing town centres, and the Park Royal trading estate.

Please see the maps on pages 10-17 for further details.

Proposed road layout changes

The new route would mean major changes to the road layout, including:

- A wide, two-way kerb-segregated cycle track in the road, meaning a reduction in traffic lanes along most sections of the proposed route. The segregation would be removable in certain areas for ceremonial and state occasions and other major events
- New segregated cycle tracks replacing a traffic lane in both directions on Westbourne Terrace
- Redesigned junctions, including a segregated route for cyclists through Parliament Square and the partial removal of the Lancaster Gate one-way system
- Banned turns or other restrictions for motorists at various locations. Proposals
 include the closure of Horse Guards Road at its junction with Birdcage Walk and
 Great George Street to general traffic (except cyclists and official vehicles), and
 the closure of Shorter Street to general traffic (except buses and cyclists). Please
 see the maps on pages 10-17 for details of these and other proposed changes
- Changes to parking and loading arrangements, including a reduction in motorcycle and car parking and the relocation of some coach parking on Victoria Embankment
- Changes to bus and coach stops, including new bypasses for cyclists at Tower Hill, Lower Thames Street (beneath Cannon Street station) and Victoria Embankment
- Changes to footways and pedestrian crossings. There would be footway
 extensions in some areas, including Parliament Square and Hyde Park Corner.
 However, there are also areas where we would need to reduce the footway
 width to make room for the cycle track
- Segregated cycle tracks would be created on the traffic roads in Hyde Park. Further consultation on detailed proposals will take place at a later date, although we welcome comments now on our initial proposals

For more information, please see the maps on pages 10-17 and detailed designs at tfl.gov.uk/cycle-east-west.















What other benefits would the new route bring?

- A wide segregating island between the cycle and traffic lanes along Victoria Embankment, which could be used for deliveries and for setting down bus, coach and taxi passengers
- Increased distance between the footway and the road, creating a more pleasant pedestrian environment
- Low traffic, boulevard-type environment for pedestrians and cyclists on Horse Guards Road, created by closing the junction with Birdcage Walk to all traffic except cycles and official vehicles
- New and upgraded pedestrian crossings, for example at Trinity Square,
 Parliament Square and Lancaster Gate
- Links to other existing and proposed cycle routes, including the existing Barclays Cycle Superhighways at Southwark Bridge and Tower Hill and the proposed North-South Cycle Superhighway at Blackfriars (see page 19 of this leaflet)
- New cycle parking
- High-quality materials to enhance the look of the streets and reflect their importance
- New lighting, paving, planting and other improvements at various locations, including Hyde Park Corner and Great Tower Street

What impacts would this scheme have on other road users?

Our analysis shows the proposals would mean longer journey times for motorists and bus, coach and taxi passengers along most of the route, both during construction and once complete. There would also be longer journey times for users of many of the roads approaching the proposed route, and longer waits for pedestrians at some signalised crossings.

Please see $\underline{tfl.gov.uk/cycle-east-west}$ for more information.

TfL is developing wider traffic management plans for central London to help reduce the traffic impacts of this scheme and others, including those proposed by London local authorities and developers. This will include investing in advanced traffic signal technology to allow us to better manage traffic depending on differing conditions at any given time. There will also be customer information to enable road users to make informed journey choices and campaigns to encourage road users to check before they travel.



How else would the proposals affect other road users?

Parking and loading: We would need to relocate or remove some existing kerbside parking and loading to make space for the cycle track. Details are available at tttl.gov.uk/cycle-east-west, and will be sent separately to affected properties.

Deliveries and servicing: We continue to work with businesses and freight operators to minimise the impact of these proposals on their operations. If your home or workplace is on or near the proposed route, please let us know if the proposals could affect your deliveries, collections and servicing. We would encourage you to discuss the proposals with companies undertaking these operations.

How do I view the detailed proposals and have my say?

View and comment on detailed proposals and other supporting information at tfl.gov.uk/cycle-east-west. You can also visit our public exhibitions or request paper copies of the proposals and a postal response form. See the back of this leaflet for further details.

Construction work

Subject to the outcome of this consultation, we plan to start work on the Tower Hill – Paddington section in early 2015 and complete by spring 2016. The Westway section would be constructed after this. It is likely that work would involve some significant disruption, although we would look to minimise this as much as possible. We would write to local residents, businesses and road users before starting work.









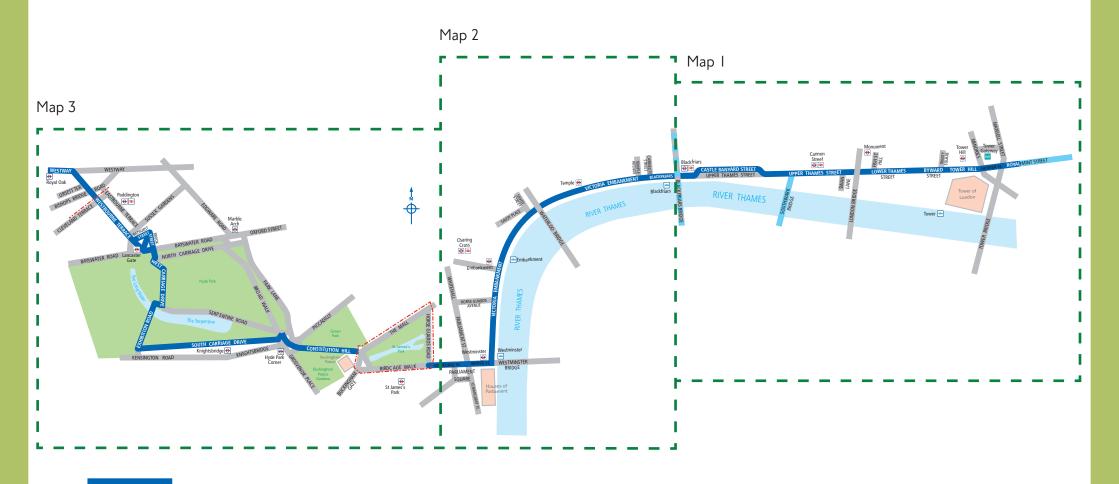




East-West Cycle Superhighway – proposed route alignment

East-West Cycle Superhighway

Proposed North-South Cycle Superhighway



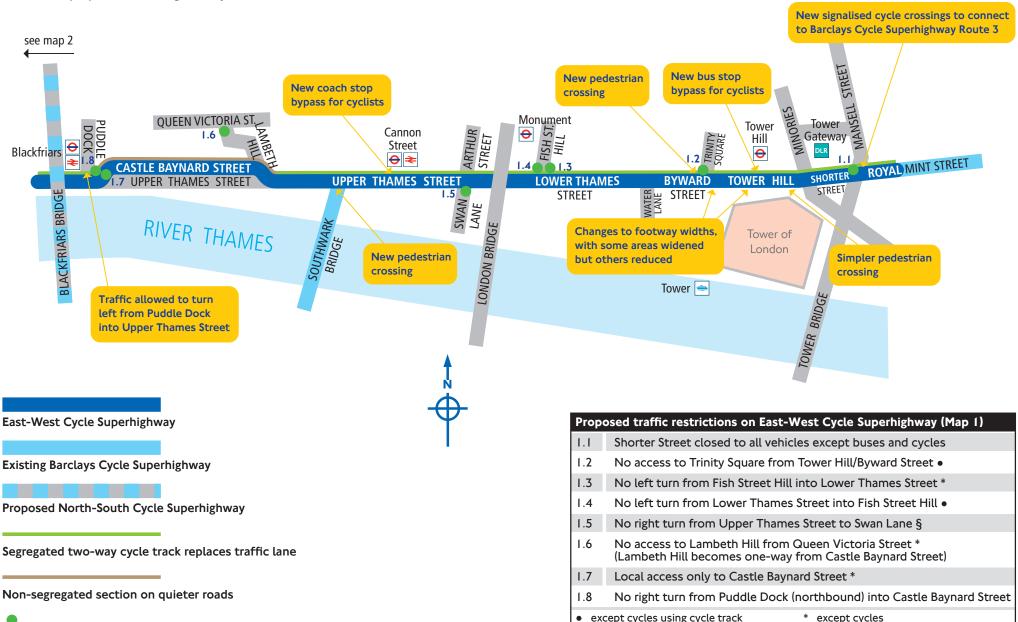
Please see more detailed maps on following pages.

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Map I (Tower Hill - Blackfriars)

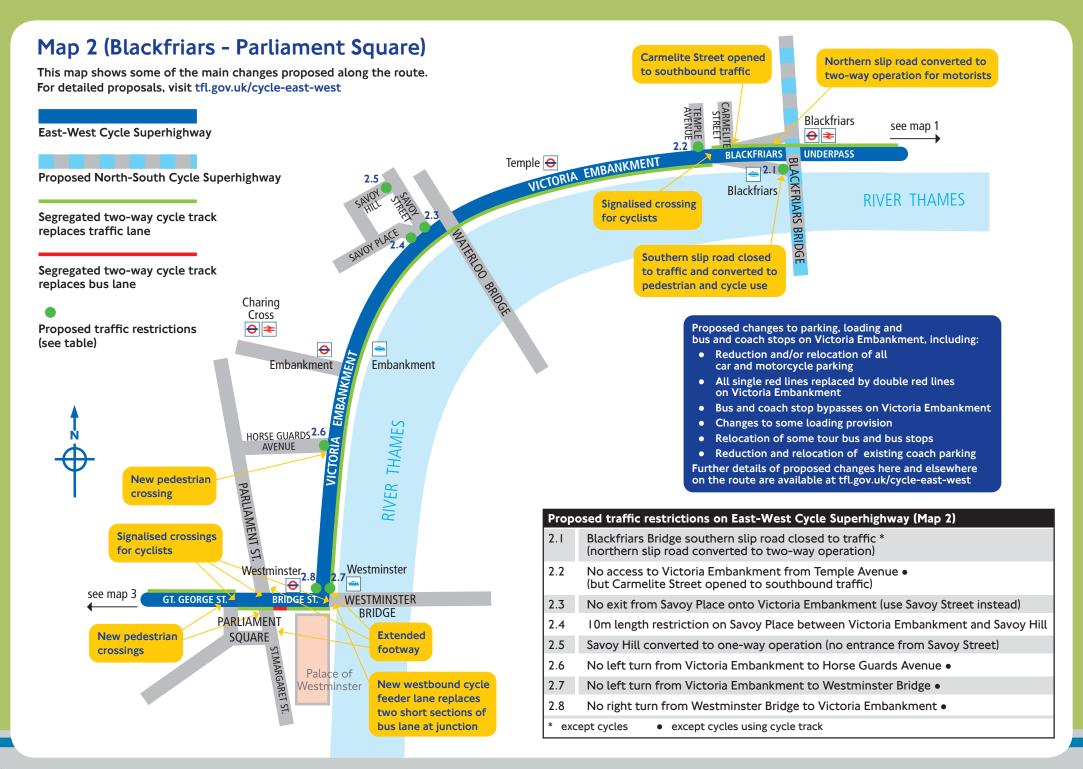
Proposed traffic restrictions (see table)

This map shows some of the main changes proposed along the route. For detailed proposals, visit tfl.gov.uk/cycle-east-west

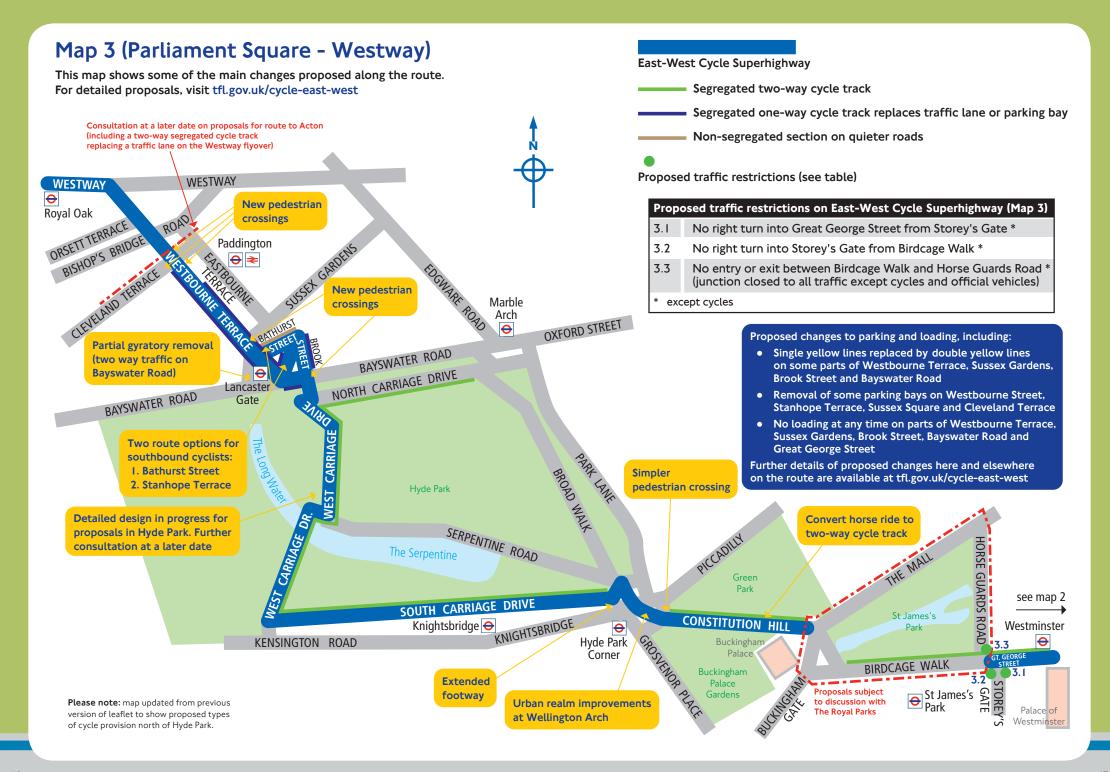


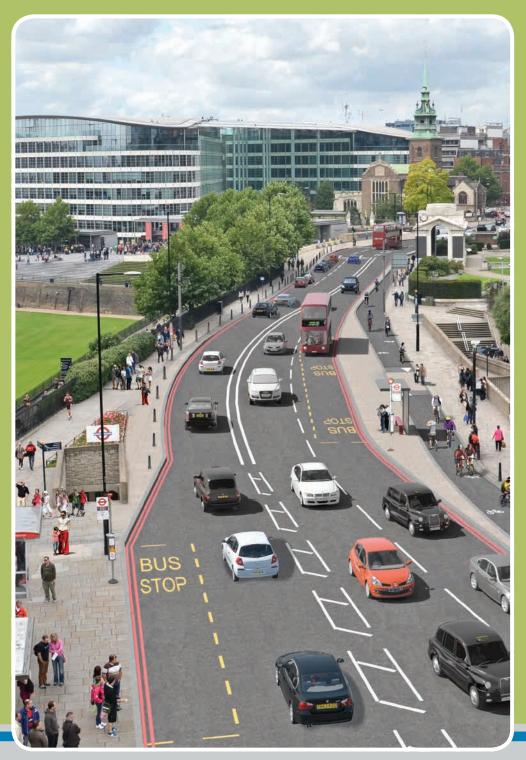
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§ except cycles (subject to trials of two stage right turn)



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North-South Cycle Superhighway

Where would the North-South Cycle Superhighway go?

The new route would start at Elephant & Castle, where it would connect to the existing Barclays Cycle Superhighway Route 7 (CS7) at Princess Street. From Elephant & Castle the North-South Cycle Superhighway would run along St. George's Road, through St. George's Circus, along Blackfriars Road and cross Blackfriars Bridge before connecting to the proposed East-West Cycle Superhighway on the north bank of the River Thames.

It is planned to then continue to King's Cross using New Bridge Street, Farringdon Street, Farringdon Road and quieter backstreet roads. See maps on pages 25 - 27 for further details. Future extension of the route north of King's Cross will be investigated in conjunction with the King's Cross Improvement scheme.

Proposed road layout changes

The new route would mean major changes to the road layout including:

- A wide, two-way, kerb-segregated cycle track in the road, replacing some traffic lanes along most of the proposed route between Elephant & Castle and Farringdon station. The segregation would be removable in certain areas for the Lord Mayor's Show and other events
- A planned 'Quietway' back-street cycle route north of Farringdon station to King's Cross
- Redesigned junctions
- Banned turns for motorists (see the maps on pages 25 27 for locations)
- New pedestrian crossings for example on St. George's Road and New Bridge Street
- Changes to parking and loading
- Changes to bus stops, including new bypasses for cyclists
- Changes to footways and pedestrian crossings. There would be footway
 extensions in some areas, including St. George's Circus and Ludgate Circus.
 However, there are also areas where we would need to reduce the footway
 width to make room for the cycle track

For more information please see the maps on pages 25 to 27 and detailed designs at **tfl.gov.uk/cycle-north-south**.

What other benefits would the new route bring?

- A wide segregating island between the cycle track and traffic lanes along Blackfriars Road which could be used for deliveries and for setting-down bus, coach and taxi passengers
- On Blackfriars Road there would be an increased distance between the western footway and the road and a narrowing of the overall road width, creating a more pleasant pedestrian environment
- Improvements including new street furniture and planting
- Links to other existing and proposed cycle routes including the proposed East-West Cycle Superhighway (see page 4 of this leaflet for details)
- The proposed route along Blackfriars Road would help in the significant regeneration of this road. This is a shared aspiration with Southwark Council and has already started with many new developments underway
- Redesigned junctions at the Stamford Street junction with Blackfriars Road and at Ludgate Circus
- A refurbished St. George's Circus with improvements to the footway and new pedestrian crossings
- Improving Blackfriars Road as a key walking and cycling route linking Elephant & Castle, the River Thames and the City of London
- New and upgraded pedestrian crossings, for example at Stamford Street and Ludgate Circus
- New cycle parking

What impacts would this scheme have on other road users?

Our analysis shows the proposals would mean longer journey times for motorists and bus, coach and taxi passengers along most of the route, both during construction and once complete. There would also be longer journey times for users of many of the roads approaching the proposed route and longer waits for pedestrians at some signalised crossings. Please see tfl.gov.uk/cycle-north-south for more information.





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How else would the proposals affect other road users?

Parking and loading: We would need to relocate or remove some existing kerbside parking and loading to make space for the cycle track. Details are available at tel:gov.uk/cycle-north-south.

Businesses, servicing and deliveries: We continue to work with businesses and freight operators to minimise the impact of these proposals on their operations. If your home or workplace is on or near the proposed route please let us know if the proposals could affect your deliveries, collections and servicing. We encourage you to discuss these proposals with the companies undertaking these operations.

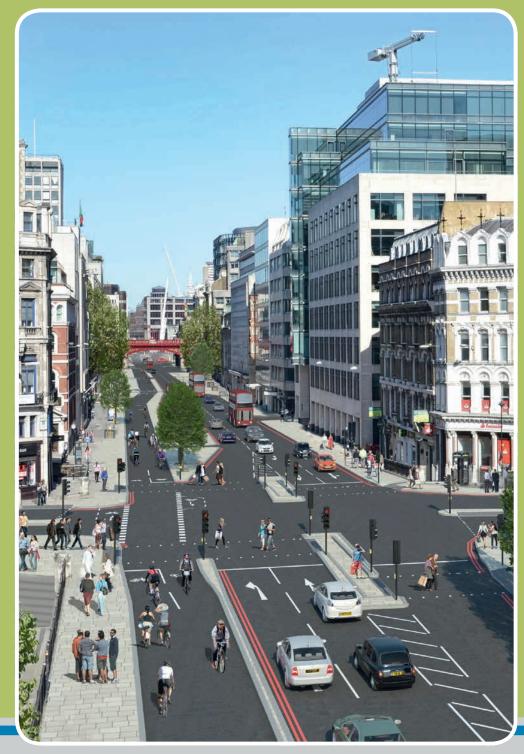
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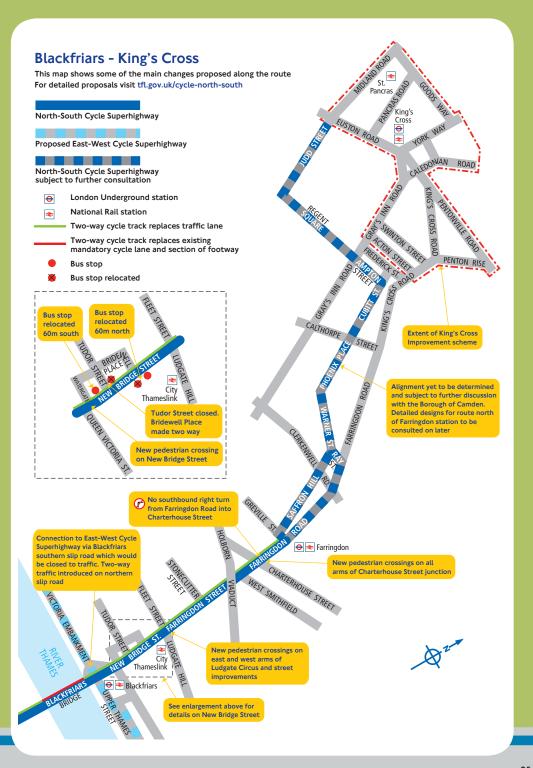
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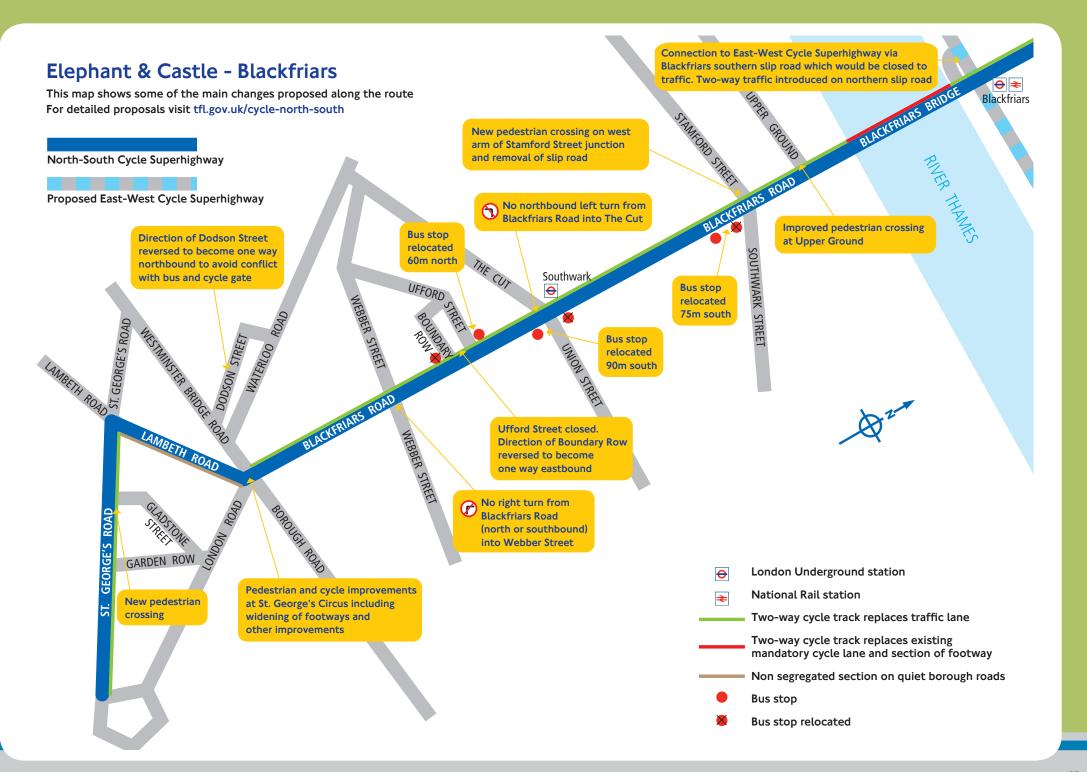
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East-West and North-South Cycle Superhighways

Consultations close Sunday 19 October 2014.

Have your say:

- tfl.gov.uk/cycle-east-west and tfl.gov.uk/cycle-north-south
- · Public exhibitions include:
- Blackfriars Underground station northern ticket hall Wednesday 10 September, 1600-2000
- Guildhall, Gresham Street, EC2V 7HH
 Wednesday 17 September, 0700-1000, 1200-1400, 1600-2000
- Blackfriars Underground station northern ticket hall Thursday 18 September, 1600-2000
- 197 Blackfriars Road (opposite Southwark Underground station) SEI 8NJ Monday 22 September, 1600-2000
- Walbrook Wharf, 78-83 Upper Thames Street, EC4R 3TD Thursday 25 September, 1600-2000
- Blackfriars Underground station northern ticket hall Thursday 2 October, 1600-2000
- 197 Blackfriars Road (opposite Southwark Underground station), SEI 8NJ Friday 10 October, 1600-2000

Please see <u>tfl.gov.uk/cycle-east-west</u> and <u>tfl.gov.uk/cycle-north-south</u> for information about other events

Paper copies of plans and a response form are available by writing to FREEPOST TFL CONSULTATIONS or calling 0343 222 1234 (option 3, then option 1).

