

Date: 25 February 2016

Item: Road Modernisation Plan: Major Road Improvement Schemes - Public Consultations Update

This paper will be considered in public

1 Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to update the Panel on open and recently closed public consultations on Transport for London Road Network (TLRN) major road improvement schemes promoted by TfL. This is in response to an action from a meeting of the Panel held on 13 May 2015, when it was requested that Panel Members have visibility of such consultations.
- 1.2 London is growing, and by 2031 it is estimated that the Capital's population will increase by almost two million, to 10 million people. This will mean an extra five million road trips a day by 2030, on top of the 30 million trips already taking place daily. London's roads and bridges were not designed for the volume and diversity of today's users and in order to keep London moving and the economy growing, our road network needs to be modernised.
- 1.3 The £4bn Road Modernisation Plan (RMP) comprises a number of programmes and initiatives including TfL's responses to the Roads Task Force and the Mayor's Cycling Vision. It will deliver hundreds of projects to support new jobs and homes and make London's roads more reliable, safer and greener. The RMP includes a number of major schemes that will transform major roads and junctions, including Cycle Superhighways, Better Junctions and the Transforming Streets and Places (TS&P) Portfolio.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 **The Panel is asked to note the update.**

3 Major Road Improvement Schemes: Closed Consultations

- 3.1 The following major road improvement scheme consultations have recently closed and the responses are being analysed. Further details can be found in Appendix 1.

Westminster Bridge South (Better Junction)

- 3.2 TfL is proposing changes at Westminster Bridge, Westminster Bridge Road, Lambeth Palace Road, Addington Street and York Road in the London Borough of Lambeth. These proposals aim to deliver improvements for cyclists and pedestrians. The current roundabout is dominated by traffic and can be an intimidating place to walk and cycle. It is proposed to give cyclists dedicated space and separate cycle signals at junctions. These proposals would deliver improvements for pedestrians including upgraded crossings, clearer footways and a new pedestrian crossing on Westminster Bridge Road.

- 3.3 A consultation ran from 10 November to 22 December 2015. Over 600 responses were received and initial analysis indicates the majority of respondents support or partially support the proposals. However, concerns were raised by some local stakeholders, including St Thomas's NHS Trust, particularly relating to the bus stop bypass.
- 3.4 Analysis of consultation responses continues and the design will be reviewed in light of comments. The consultation report is due to be published by March 2016.

Wandsworth Town Centre

- 3.5 In partnership with the London Borough of Wandsworth, TfL is proposing a number of transformational changes to Wandsworth town centre to reduce traffic dominance along the high street and return the road network to two way operation.
- 3.6 The second and final phase of consultation ran from 24 November 2015 to 17 January 2016. This followed a consultation on initial proposals in 2014. Over 950 responses were received to the second consultation, and initial analysis indicates the majority of respondents support or partially support the proposals.
- 3.7 Analysis of consultation responses is underway and the design will be developed in light of comments. The consultation report is due to be published by 18 March 2016.
- 3.8 The scheme will be presented to the Finance and Policy Committee in summer 2016 to obtain approval of the concept design. Depending on approvals, construction could commence in 2017.

Vauxhall Cross

- 3.9 At the end of 2014, TfL consulted on high level proposals to return the gyratory at Vauxhall Cross to two-way operation alongside changes to the public transport interchange and the existing bus station. 77 per cent of respondents indicated that they either support or strongly support the overall aim of the scheme.
- 3.10 TfL has continued to work in partnership with the London Borough of Lambeth to develop proposals to significantly improve pedestrian and cyclist provision and help create a safer and less intimidating environment for vulnerable road users. The proposed changes would also help to improve connectivity throughout the area, and create a better environment for people living, working, and travelling through Vauxhall.
- 3.11 A second public consultation on more detailed proposals closed on 17 January 2016. Over 1,100 responses were received and initial analysis indicates the majority of respondents support or partially support the proposals.
- 3.12 A consultation findings report will be issued in March 2016, before releasing a supplementary consultation report in the summer, which will set out TfL's responses to all comments raised and the next steps for the project.

4 Major Road Improvement Schemes: Open Consultations

- 4.1 The following major road improvement scheme consultations are currently open. Further details can be found in Appendix 2.

North-South Cycle Superhighway (Phase 2)

- 4.2 With the London Boroughs of Camden and Islington, views are being sought on proposals for the North-South Cycle Superhighway between Stonecutter Street (near Holborn Viaduct) and King's Cross. TfL had previously consulted on the North-South Cycle Superhighway in autumn 2014 and is currently constructing the first phase between Elephant & Castle and Stonecutter Street. The proposals in this consultation would continue the segregated cycle route along main roads to Farringdon Road, and provide cycle improvements along quieter backstreets towards King's Cross.
- 4.3 Consultation runs between 8 February and 20 March 2016.

East-West Cycle Superhighway (Phase 2)

- 4.4 TfL is seeking views on proposals for the East-West Cycle Superhighway between Paddington to Acton, connecting to the section already under construction from Tower Hill through central London to Paddington. This would provide a clearer and safer route for cyclists through west London, separated from other vehicles. It aims to encourage large numbers of people who would like to cycle, but currently feel unable to do so. The scheme is comprised of two parts:
- (a) a continuous, segregated route from Paddington to Wood Lane, connecting to the route from Tower Hill to Lancaster Gate already consulted on; and
 - (b) improvements to existing cycling facilities from Wood Lane to North Acton, connecting to the first scheme to form a continuous route.
- 4.5 Consultation runs between 8 February and 20 March 2016.

Cycle Superhighway 11 (Phase 1)

- 4.6 With the London Borough of Camden and The Royal Parks, a major new cycle route from Swiss Cottage to the West End is proposed. Cycle Superhighway 11 (CS11) would improve conditions for existing cyclists and aim to make cycling attractive to more people. Significant changes to existing road layouts and junctions are proposed to make them safer and more convenient for cyclists and pedestrians, taking account of local conditions and other demands.
- 4.7 This consultation sets out our proposals for the route from Swiss Cottage southwards, along Avenue Road, the Outer Circle of The Regent's Park, Park Crescent and Portland Place, ending at the junction with New Cavendish Street where it would link in with the planned Central London Grid.
- 4.8 Consultation runs from 8 February to 20 March 2016.

Highbury Corner

- 4.9 With Islington Council, a number of changes are proposed to make Highbury Corner more pleasant and accessible for all users, with improved facilities for pedestrians and cyclists, to transform the one-way roundabout into a two-way traffic system. The proposed closure of the western side of the roundabout together with a larger station square would create a new public space.
- 4.10 Consultation runs between 5 February and 20 March 2016.

Hammersmith Gyratory (Better Junction)

- 4.11 A number of changes at Hammersmith gyratory, King Street, Beadon Road and Hammersmith Road, in partnership with Hammersmith & Fulham Council, are proposed, which aim to deliver a safer and more direct east-west cycle route through Hammersmith town centre.
- 4.12 TfL is proposing to create a direct, kerb-segregated two-way route for cyclists across the northern side of the gyratory, with separate cycle signals to protect them from traffic. This would remove the need to cycle round the gyratory, mixing with fast-moving traffic, and break a key barrier to cycling in west London. TfL is also proposing bus priority measures to improve journey times for many bus passengers.
- 4.13 Consultation runs between 2 February and 15 March 2016

King's Cross

- 4.14 Working in partnership with Camden and Islington Councils, TfL is reviewing the road network at King's Cross. The aim is to deliver substantial improvements to the existing road network and to provide a better environment for pedestrians and cyclists. This builds upon initial safety improvements for cyclists which were completed in May 2015.
- 4.15 An initial public consultation to help shape the development of the designs runs from 8 February to 20 March 2016. A second consultation in early 2017 will provide more detailed information on the benefits and impacts of any further proposed changes.

Lower Clapton Road

- 4.16 The proposals aim to redesign the junction of Lower Clapton Road and Urswick Road in the London Borough of Hackney. TfL is proposing an innovative scheme to replace the existing traffic and pedestrian signals with an 'informal' roundabout and distinctive informal pedestrian crossings. The road surface would be raised to help encourage lower vehicle speeds. However, there would still be a detectable kerb height between the road and the footway.
- 4.17 Consultation runs from 1 February 2016 to 13 March 2016.

List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1: Major Road Improvement Schemes: Closed Consultations
Appendix 2: Major Road Improvement Schemes: Open Consultations

List of Background Papers:

The Mayor's Vision for Cycling in London (March 2013)
TfL's Response to the Roads Taskforce

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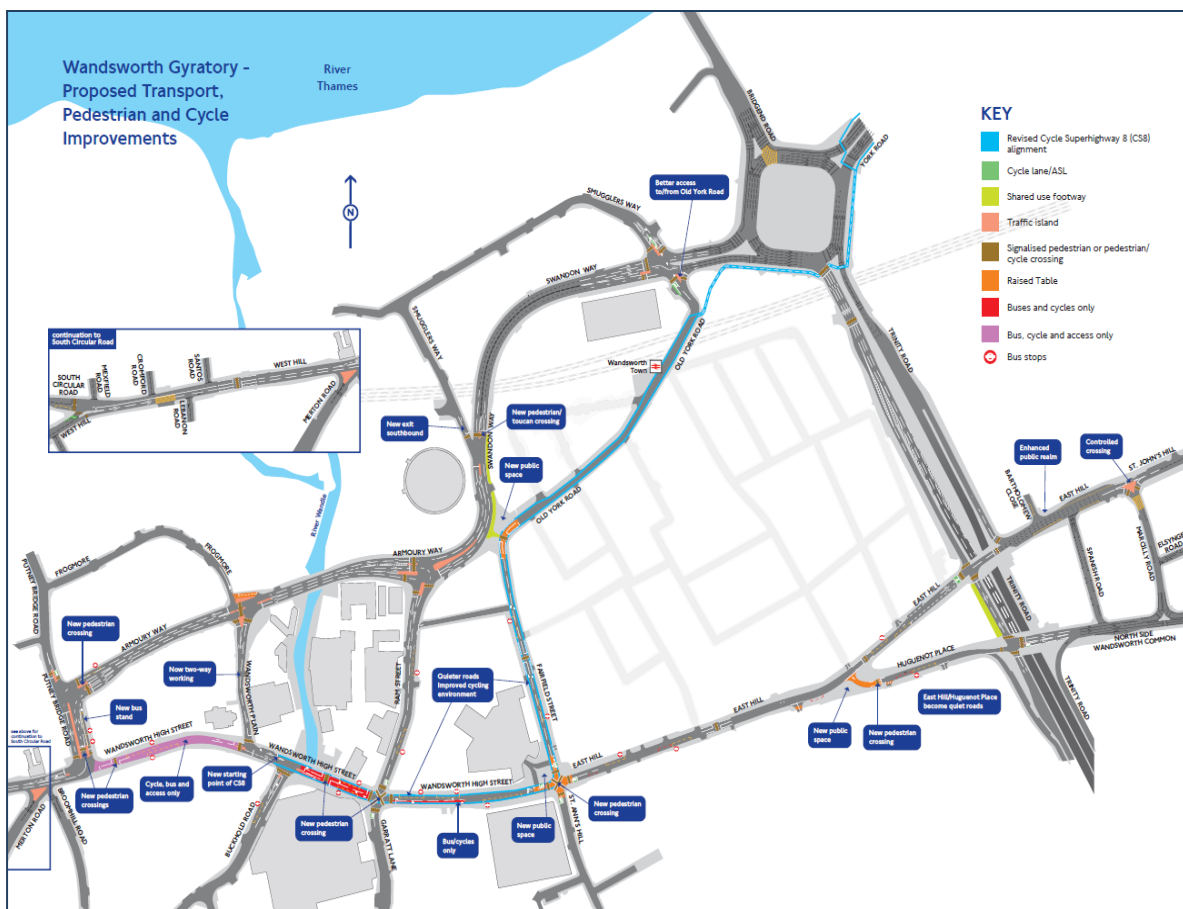
Appendix 1 – Major Road Improvement Schemes: Closed Consultations

Wandsworth town centre

A number of transformational changes to Wandsworth Town Centre are proposed. Working closely with the London Borough of Wandsworth, major changes to the town centre to reduce traffic dominance along the high street and return the road network to two way operations, are proposed.



An artist's impression of Wandsworth High Street - outside shopping centre



Map of proposed layout of Wandsworth Gyratory

Westminster Bridge South (Better Junction)

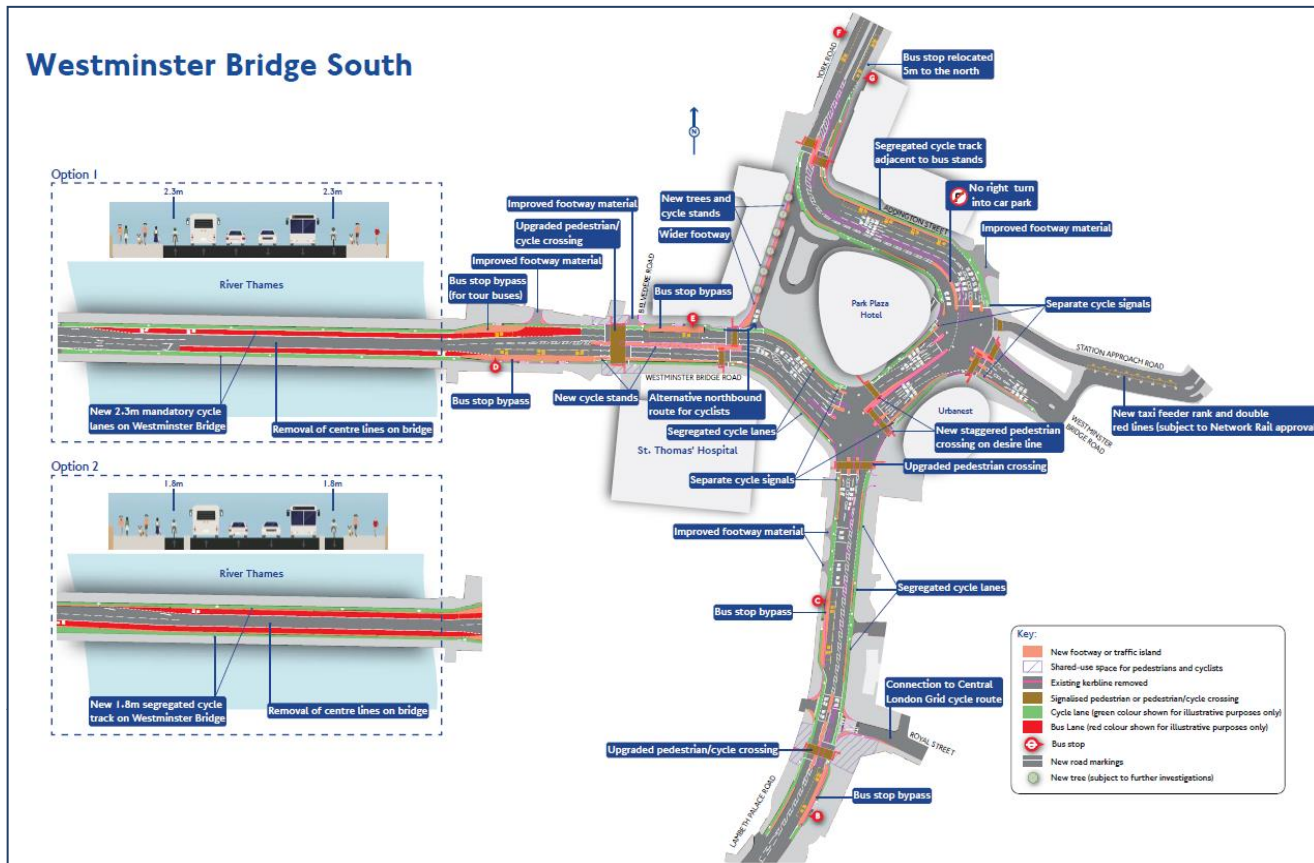
TfL is proposing changes at Westminster Bridge, Westminster Bridge Road, Lambeth Palace Road, Addington Street and York Road with the aim to deliver improvements for cyclists and pedestrians.



An artist's impression of the proposals on Westminster Bridge, with segregated cycle lane



An artist's impression of the proposals on Westminster Bridge, with mandatory cycle lane



Map of proposed changes.

Vauxhall Cross

TfL is working with the London borough of Lambeth to return the Vauxhall gyratory system to two-way roads. This will improve the area for pedestrians and cyclists and help create a safer, less intimidating environment.



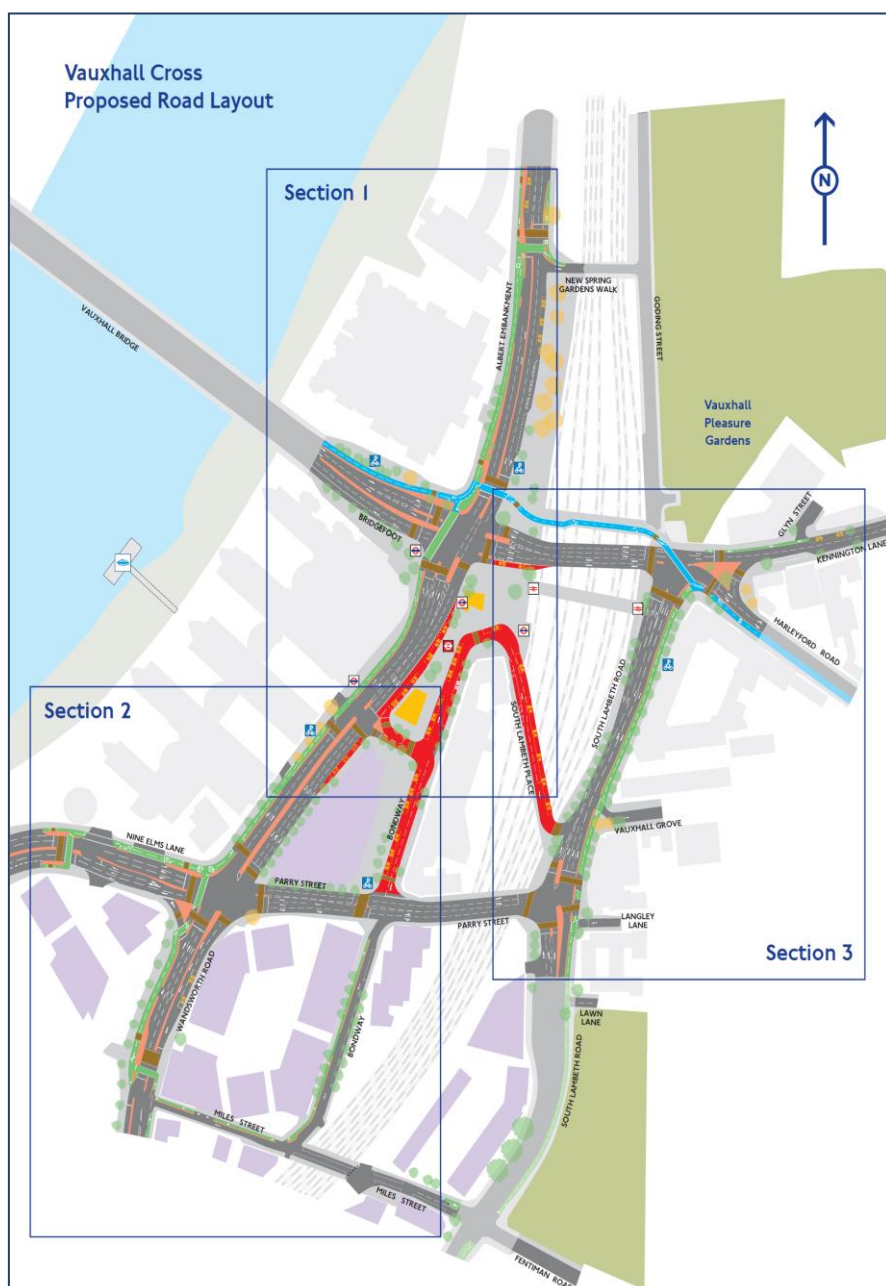
An artist's impression of proposals for Albert Embankment



An artist's impression of proposals for South Lambeth Road and South Lambeth Place



An artist's impression of the proposals for the new public space on Albert Embankment - based on early designs



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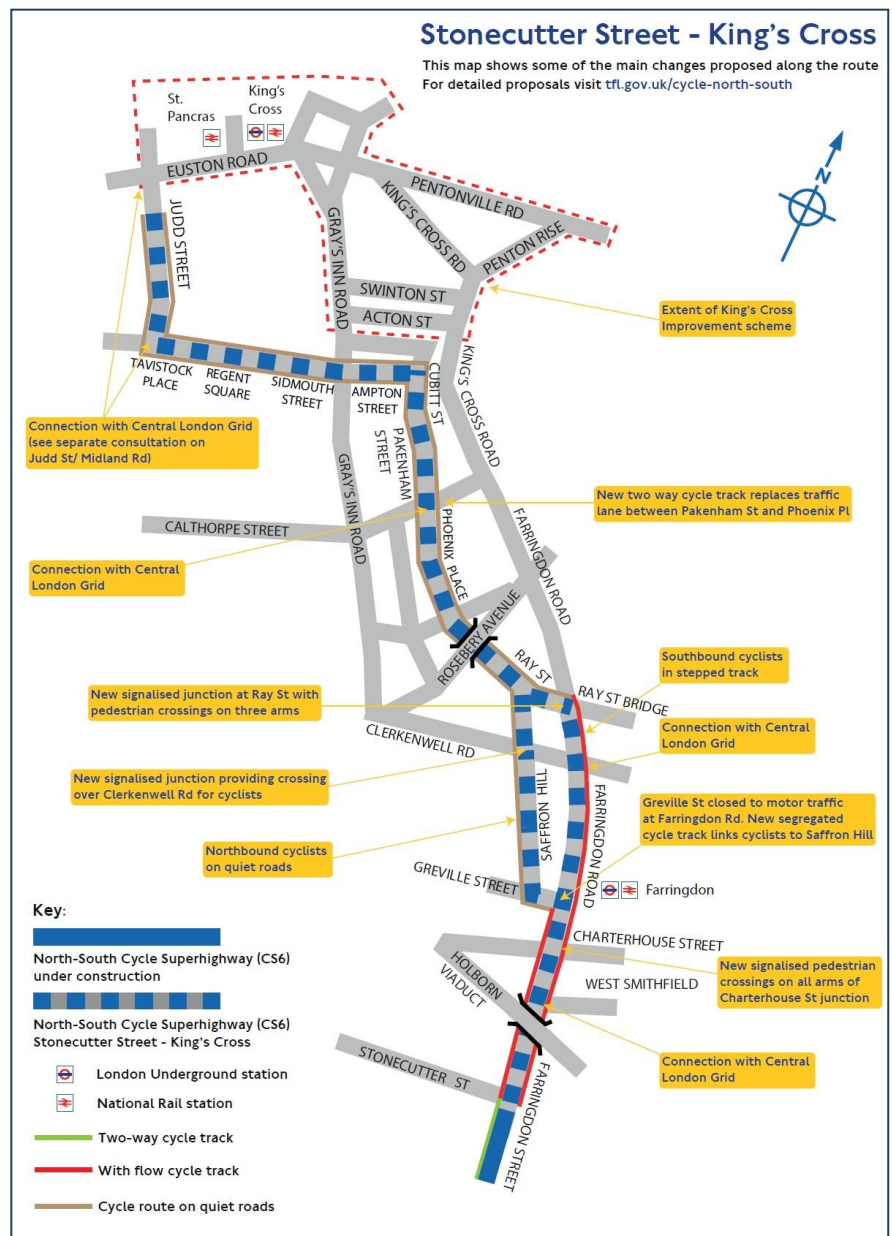
Appendix 2 – Major Road Improvement Schemes: Open Consultations

North-South Cycle Superhighways (Phase 2)

The proposals for this consultation would continue the substantially-segregated cycle route along main roads to Farringdon Road, and provide cycle improvements along quieter back-streets towards King's Cross.



An artist's impression of the North-South Cycle Superhighway on Farringdon Street, looking southbound from Farringdon station



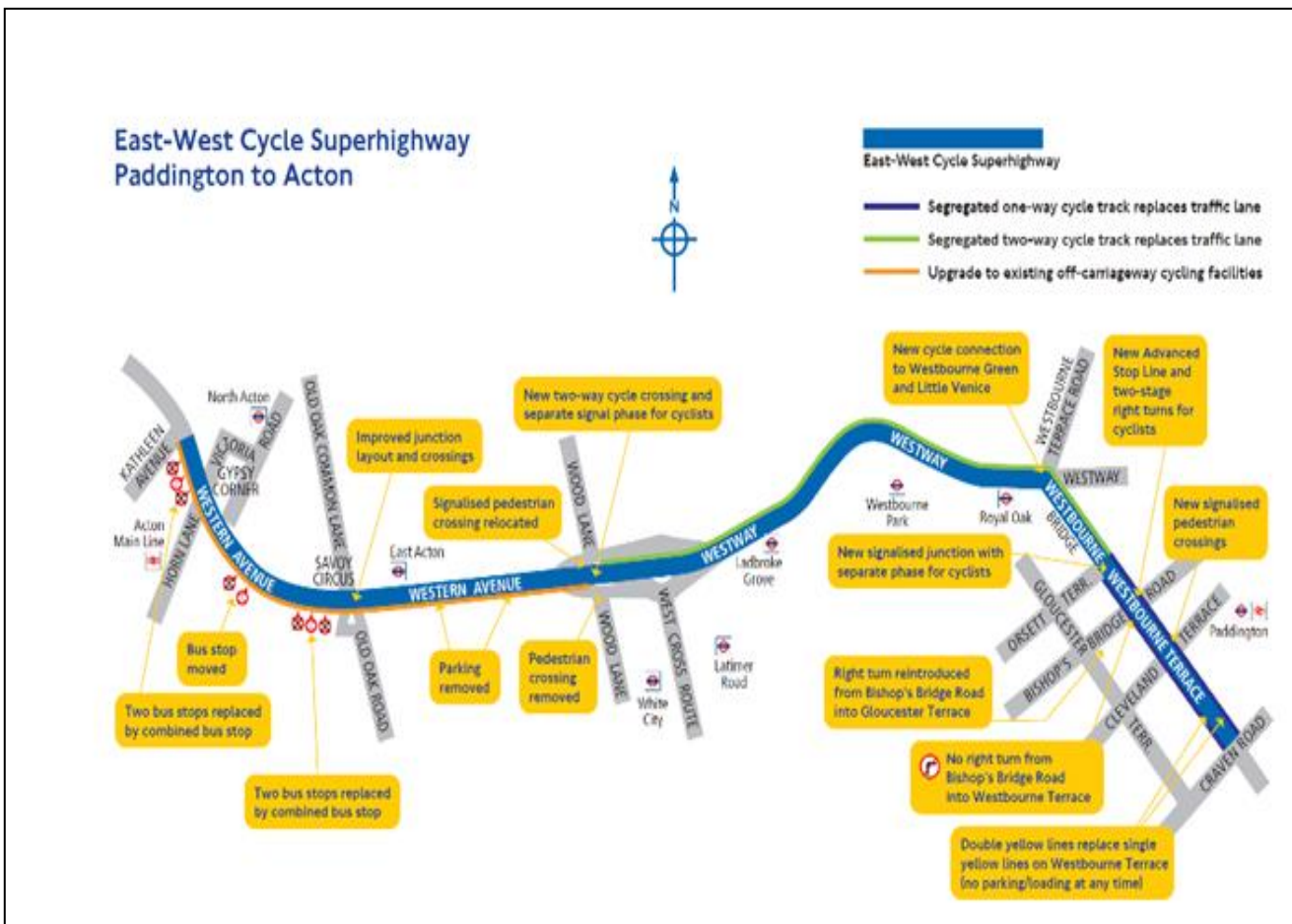
Map to show the main changes proposed along the route.

East-West Cycle Superhighways (Phase 2)

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An artist's impression shows the view looking west along the Westway (elevated section)



Map of the proposed changes

Cycle Superhighways Route 11 (Phase 1)

TfL is working with key stakeholders to propose a major new cycle route. Cycle Superhighway Route 11 would provide a continuous route from Swiss Cottage to the West End.



An artist's impression of the CS11 Route by Swiss Cottage



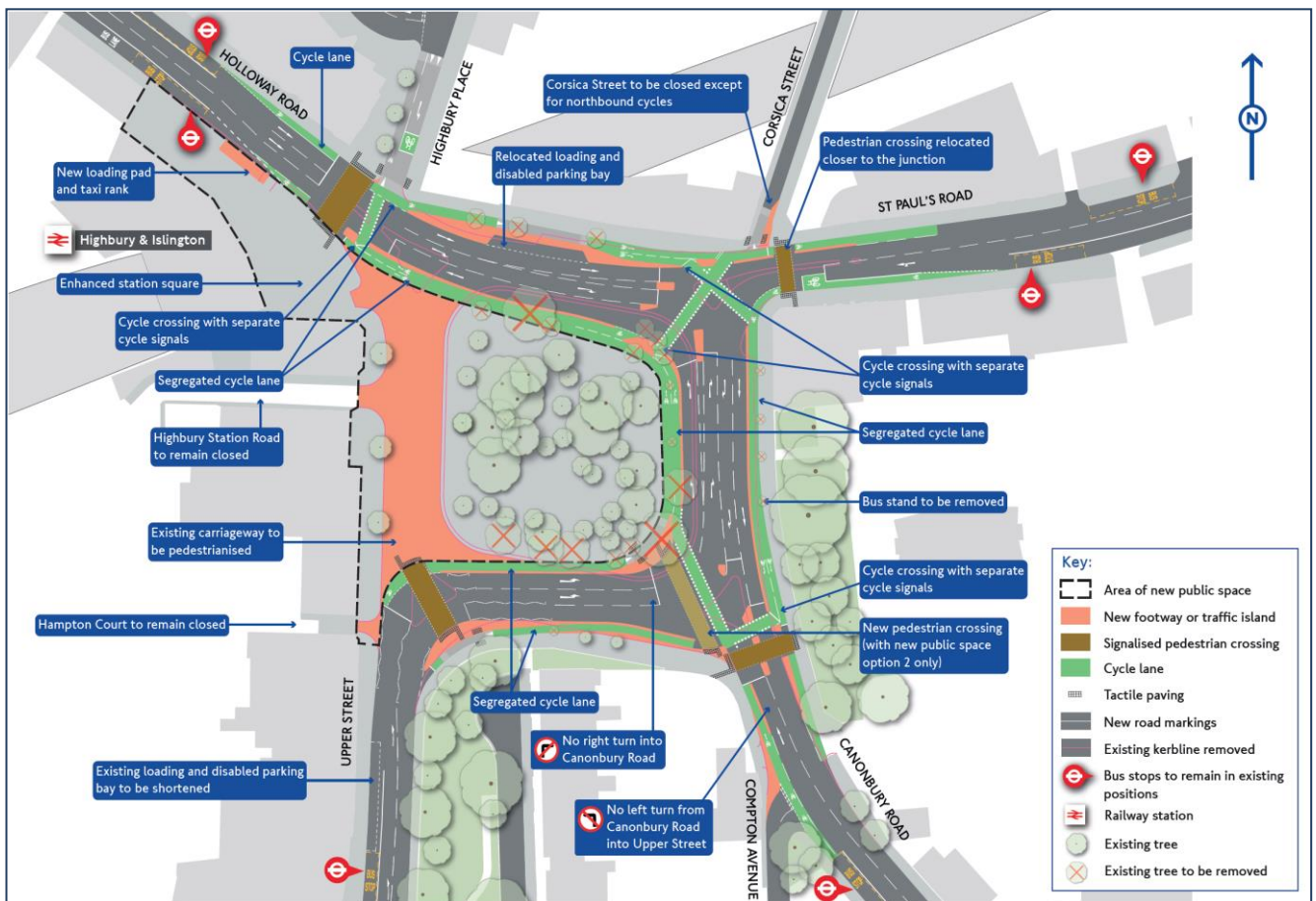
Map to show some of the main changes proposed along the route.

Highbury Corner

TfL is proposing a number of changes to Highbury Corner. Working jointly with Islington Council, TfL is consulting on proposals to make Highbury Corner more pleasant and accessible for all users, with improved facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.



An artist's impression of Highbury Corner



Map of the proposed changes.

Hammersmith Gyrotory

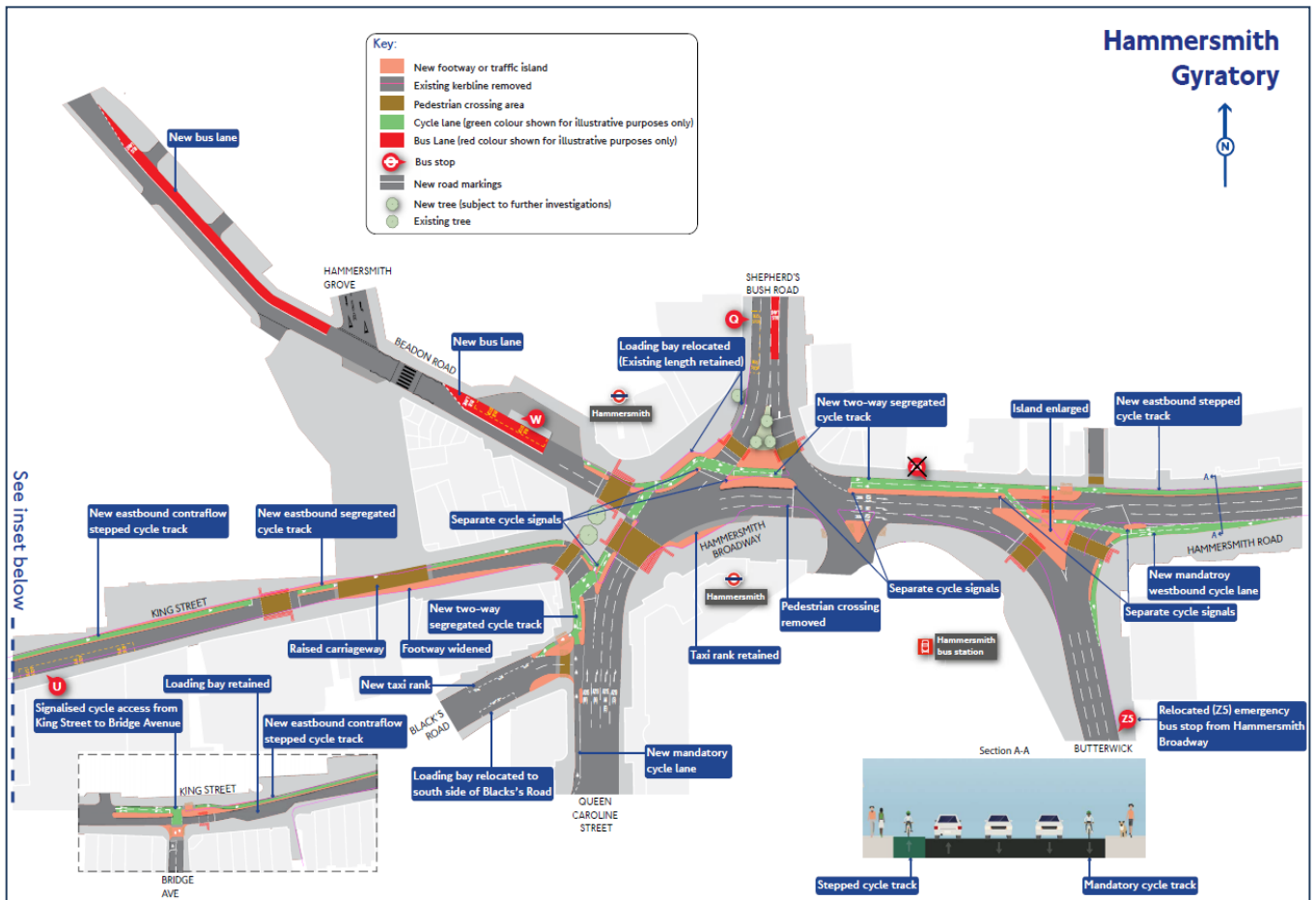
A number of changes at Hammersmith gyrotory, King Street, Beadon Road and Hammersmith Road, are being proposed, in partnership with Hammersmith and Fulham Council. The proposals aim to deliver a safer and more direct east-west cycle route through Hammersmith town centre.



An artist's impression of the proposals at the King Street junction with Hammersmith gyrotory (looking North East)



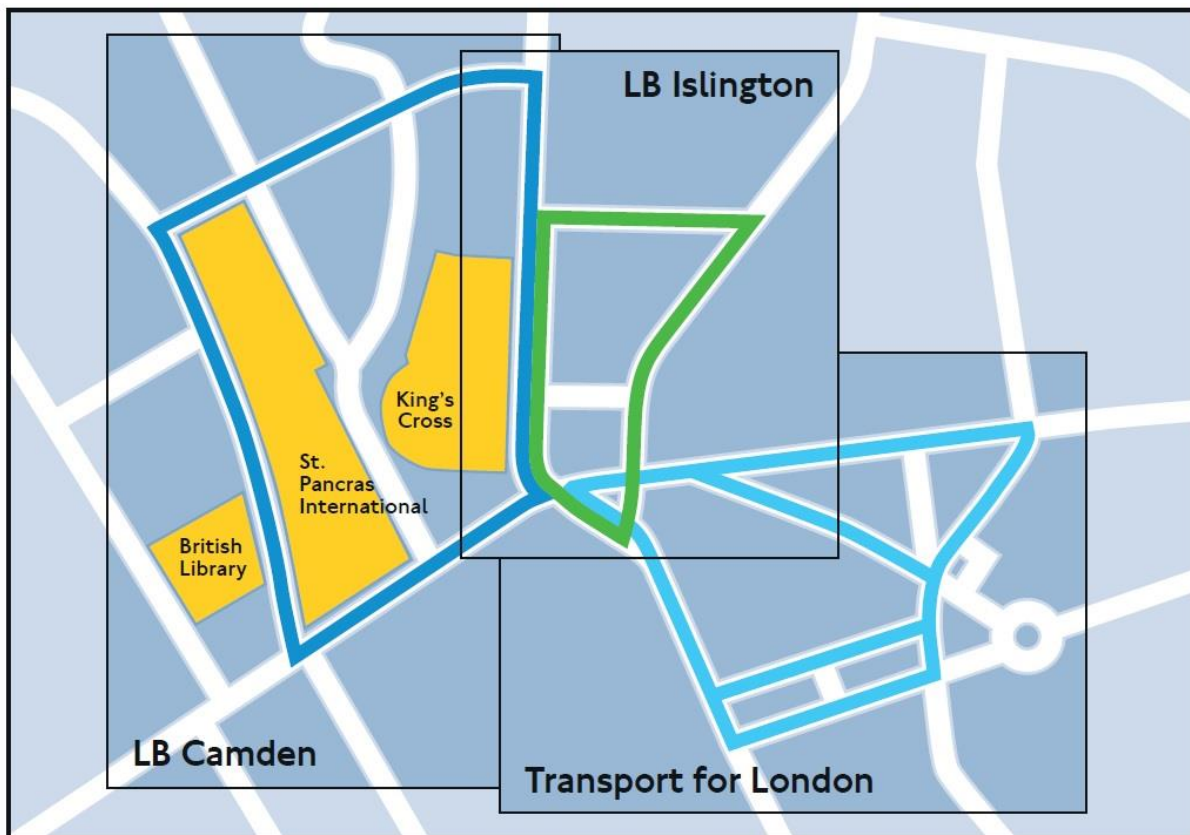
An artist's impression of the proposals at the Hammersmith gyrotory junction with Shepherd's Bush Road (looking West)



Map of the proposed changes.

King's Cross

In partnership with the London Boroughs of Camden and Islington, TfL has been reviewing the road network at King's Cross with the aim of delivering substantial improvements.



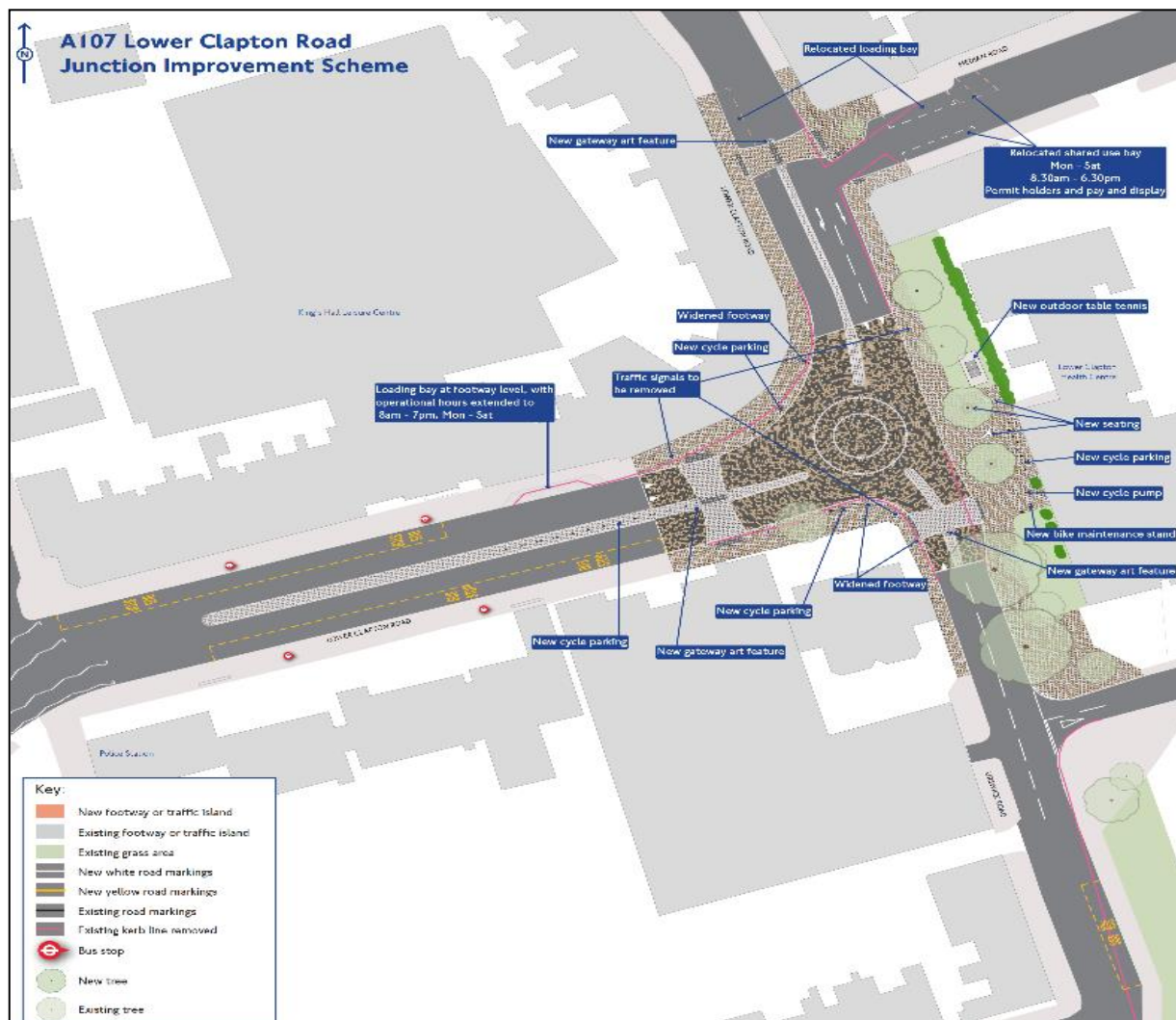
Map to show the overview of the extensive changes proposed at King's Cross.

Lower Clapton Road and Urswick Road

TfL is currently consulting on proposals to redesign the junction of Lower Clapton Road and Urswick Road in Hackney to make the junction operate more efficiently.



An artists impression of Lower Clapton Road/Urswick Road (looking East).



Map of proposed changes