



Cornhill

Planning & Transportation Update



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There are a number of major projects underway, or soon to be commenced, which impact directly or indirectly on our ward.

The Bank Junctions Improvements Project is considering changes to this congested junction which is also one of the most dangerous spots in the City with relatively high incidences of traffic accidents. Between March and June 2014 Transport for London undertook some initial strategic traffic modelling of five options representing a sliding scale of change for the junction, from complete closure of all arms to vehicular traffic to a 50 percent reduction in traffic capacity on all of the arms approaching the junction. This gave an indication to the impact on the strategic network of making significant change. Assessment and consultations continue and proposals are due to come to Members of the

Common Council in early 2016 with works commencing in 2018.

The Bank Station Capacity Upgrade – London Underground has applied for a major upgrade of Bank station. The scheme includes the construction of a new tunnel for the Northern Line and an additional station entrance in Cannon Street. The City Corporation supports the scheme in principle but has made representations to the Secretary of State seeking safeguards to ensure that construction activity does not adversely affect the City's interests, particularly in respect of highways and property matters. A public Inquiry started on 14 April 2015. Most construction work will take place underground but will be accessed from two surface level worksites, in Cannon Street and Arthur Street.

Tunnelling works should commence in 2016 together with demolition of some buildings between Cannon Street and King William Street. Fit out commences in 2019 with project completion in 2021.

Other issues impacting on traffic and transportation in the ward include:

the Aldgate redevelopment due for completion in the first half of 2016; Crossrail is not anticipated to complete until 2018 and further road closures are likely before completion; Refurbishment of 27 Poultry (Midland bank HQ): Requires public highway for lorry holding area. The build period for this refurbishment is approximately 2 years so is anticipated to complete towards the end of 2016; Cycle Super Highways N-S and E-W: Anticipated to start construction on their routes through the City as early as April/May 2015 for approximately 12 months. Neither run through Cornhill but there could be indirect impact; Completion of the Bloomberg development (Walbrook): The development build is due to complete during the spring of 2017. A new Underground entrance is also due to open here in 2017.

So there is a lot happening to keep us busy. Contact me for further information on any of these projects.

A milestone year for the City

Every Lord Mayor's Show is special but this year it is marking its 800th anniversary and should prove to be particularly memorable.

As ever the Show is held on the second Saturday in November and will be made up of a three mile long procession of music and movement, community and commerce, pomp and pageantry, all of which represents the City in all its diversity.

The Square Mile's long history is represented by the livery companies, military units and bands while its focus on the future is shown through the community groups, businesses and schools taking part.

In all more than 6,500 people, 200 vehicles and 70 floats will be on display



to welcome the new Lord Mayor and mark the beginning of his year in style.

Starting and finishing at Mansion House, the procession travels down Cheapside, round and past St Paul's Cathedral to the Royal Courts of Justice before returning

via Victoria Embankment.

The Show is rounded off at 5pm with a magnificent firework display on the Thames sponsored by the City Corporation.

For more information visit www.lordmayorshow.org

Segregated Cycle Superhighways in the City of London

Transport for London has now begun work on the Cycle Superhighways that will provide safer, faster and more direct cycle journeys into central London.

Businesses and customers in the areas around the planned Cycle Superhighways routes are being urged to consider how their deliveries and collections may be affected during construction. The schedule of work is:

- East-West Cycle Superhighway – Lancaster Gate to Tower Hill (construction ongoing until summer 2016)
- North-South Cycle Superhighway – Elephant & Castle to Stonecutter Street, near Holborn Viaduct (construction ongoing until spring 2016 with works in the City starting in August 2015)
- Cycle Superhighway Route 2 Upgrade – Aldgate to Bow roundabout (construction ongoing until spring 2016)
- Cycle Superhighway Route 5 – Oval to Pimlico (construction ongoing until autumn 2015)

These routes will be busier than usual during construction and some road users and bus passengers will experience delays. Specific work locations and dates may change, so you are advised to plan ahead and allow more time to complete your journeys.

For further information on the projects mentioned and to plan your journey, please visit www.tfl.gov.uk/roadtraveladvice. You can also subscribe to receive further information on the schemes at: tfl.gov.uk/emailupdates.

