PUBLIC TRANSPORT



Public Transport

An efficient public transport network is vital to support growth in Westminster over the period of the City Plan. An effective public transport system allows the borough to meet its ambitious net zero targets by reducing private vehicle reliance and also supports the growth of the city by facilitating commuter, tourist and leisure journeys. Westminster's public transport network consists of tube, bus, and rail services which are under increasing pressure due to rising demand. It is also important that public transport projects consider expanding accessibility, to achieve the above goals.

The high number of workers and visitors travelling to, and around, Westminster each year influences the high demand placed on the Westminster's public transport network, particularly for Underground services. Further, the Mayor's Transport Strategy estimates that the system will need to accommodate up to 15 million trips daily by 2041.

In response, the City Plan aims to enhance the connectivity, quality, capacity, usability, and legibility of public transport services in the borough.

Planned Projects

Transport for London

Transport for London (TfL) operates an extensive public transport network in London, which in Westminster includes the London Underground, the Elizabeth line, London Overground, buses, Thames piers, and London Cycle Hire services. It also oversees the 'red route' network of key roads, called the Transport for London Road Network (TLRN). It facilitates commuting, tourist and leisure journeys. In relation to TfL's Step Free Access programme, the planned provision includes the potential development of land above the Circle and District Line Station to enable improvements including a new ticket hall and lifts to improve accessibility. Further development plans include a major infrastructure renewal scheme for Victoria Coach Station, pedestrian and cycling infrastructure improvements and inclusion of designs for a '24-hour city', emphasising night-time active travel assessments and making Westminster a safer and fairer place for women and girls.

Transport for London	
Category	**Details**
Lead	Transport for London in collaboration with Network Rail, other Train Operating Companies and Westminster City Council.
Current Provision	TfL is the main transport operator in Westminster and is responsible for managing the London Underground/tube, London Overground and bus services.
Known Planned Provision	Known planned provision includes improving the accessibility and reliability of bus services and train stations and investing in public spaces to improve pedestrian and cycling infrastructure.
Future Needs	In alignment with local plans and strategies, TfL proposed including schemes like Lambeth Bridge North Healthy Streets, Park Lane Walking and Cycling changes, and Harrow Road/Edgware Road Healthy Streets improvements to the Draft IDP. TfL also advocated for the inclusion of designs for a 24-hour city, emphasising night-time active travel assessments and women's safety, aligning with the Mayor's Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy.
Funding	£10.6 million has been allocated for Bus Priority submissions in the 2023/24 fiscal year. TfL identified that additional funding sources are required for stations in Westminster that do not have step-free access.

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Schedule									
Prioritisation	**Programme / Strategic project**	**Location/s**	**Description**	**Provider**	**Estimated WCC cost**	**Phasing (Start)**	**Phasing (End)**	**Timescale**	**Total Funding gap**
Crucial	Westbourne Park Bus Garage Upgrade	Westbourne Park Bus Garage	Delivery of upgraded bus garage at the site allocation at Westbourne Park, as identified in the City Plan partial review	Tower Transit / TfL	none	2028	2032		
	Step Free Access to Royal Oak tube station	Royal Oak	Provision of step free access to tube station alongside the site allocation at Royal Oak as identified by the City Plan partial review	Transport for London	TBC - s106 or CIL may need to contribute	2030	2040		unknown
Essential	Bus Stop Accesibility and Reliabilty Programme	Borough-wide	Bus Stop Accessibility and Reliability Programme. Review bus Stop accessibility and reliability and where able undertake measures to enhance patrons entering and alighting buses or modification to the road network seeking to reduce delays between stops. Provision of accessibility improvements and on-street modification to reduce bus journey times.	WCC	£600.00	2024	2025	Short	£-
Essential	Victoria Coach Station	SW1W 9TQ	Major renewal of infrastructure scheme for TfL.	Transport for London					

National Rail

Rail forms an integral part of the public transport network in Westminster, as it facilitates commuting from outside of the borough as well as tourism. Train stations and rail infrastructure is owned and operated by Network Rail. Planned provision ranges from a new replacement footbridge and taxi deck assess at Paddington Station to improve user flow, reconfiguring various station operations to improve accessibility, and a large-scale redevelopment of Victoria Station to accommodate growing passenger numbers and demand.

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National Rail	
Category	**Details**
Lead	Network Rail in collaboration with the Council. Network Rail is devolved into five regions – Eastern, North-West & Central, Scotland's Railway, Southern and Wales & Western. Westminster is split across the Southern and Wales & Western regions.
Current Provision	Charing Cross railway station, London Paddington station, London Victoria station and Marylebone Station (managed by Chiltern Trains).
Known Planned Provision	Known planned provision includes station capacity and accessibility improvements which should lead to larger regeneration projects, such as those reflected in the Future Victoria Masterplan.
Future Needs	Promoting walking, cycling, and road safety; Enhancing pedestrian-friendly environment; Aligning with City of Westminster's Local Plan and Mayor of London's Transport Strategy.
Funding	Network Rail is seeking approximately £300m from private, capital funding or developer contributions for Victoria regeneration.

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Essential	Grosvenor Sidings	SW1V 4BF	Contribution towards re-development of existing site and re-provision of sidings	Network Rail, Developer	£20,000,000.00	TBC - within timeline of City Plan for site allocation		Long	No funding assumed yet as development potential is limited in present use.
Essential	City Plan Partial Review Site Allocations	Grosvenor Sidings	Relocation of railway sidings from the site to a new location on the rail network, likely outside of Westminster	Network Rail	none	2026	2030		
Essential	High Speed 2 (HS2) (permitted in 2017 via a Hybrid Bill)	North of the borough; south of the West Coast Main Line	Rail transport link between London and the West Midlands	High Speed Two Ltd	None	2017	2033		n/a

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Essential	Footbridge replacement at platforms 1-8	Paddington station	To accommodate additional users at the station from the Elizabeth Line	Network Rail	£3,000,000	2027	2029	2 years	£3,000,000
Essential	Formal access/egress from Taxi rank on London Street/Tanner Lane	Paddington station	Formal access to aid movement from St Marys Hospital re-development	Network Rail/Developer	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Essential	Platform extensions	London Victoria	To accommodate 12 car trains to meet service demand	Network Rail	£4,000,000	2029	2032	3 years	£4,000,000
Essential	Re-development of station	London Victoria	Funding to re-develop the station and unlock housing development	Network Rail/developer	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	£60,000,000
Essential	Re-design of station forecourt to improve accessibility and public realm	Charing Cross station	New public realm to contribute towards place-making on the Strand and	Network Rail/WCC	£10,000,000	2030	2033	3 years	£20,000,000
Essential	Improvements to station frontage and key features	Charing Cross station	Support improvements and heritage to enhance view of the Strand for visitors and others	Network Rail	£1,000,000	2024	2026	2 years	£1,000,000
Desirable	London end platform congestion relief	Paddington station	To ease congestion issues	Network Rail	£3,000,000	2028	2032		£3,000,000

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Desirable	Station entrances and public realm	London Victoria	Improved access to station and place-making	Network Rail/WCC/TfL	£3,000,000	TBC	TBC	TBC	£3,000,000