



Walbrook

Bank on Safety

By Peter Bennett, Common Councilman

The City of London Corporation is implementing the experimental safety scheme at Bank in a bid to significantly reduce traffic, accidents and casualties. From Monday 22 May only pedal cycles and buses are permitted to cross Bank Junction between the hours of 7am and 7pm, Monday to Friday, for the duration of the experiment.

Vehicles are re-routed via advanced warning signs on the approaches to the area. There is a selection of maps on the City's website, which are available to download, regarding taxi rank locations, loading areas and access routes to each of the approach arms. These can be used to help suppliers or visitors to understand how this might change their routing options.

A first progress report will be presented by the Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee during the first week of July. This will focus on:

- Operational matters of the experiment to date, such as any proposed changes to the scheme
- Observations on how the experiment is working from a traffic perspective
- Data on the number of vehicles entering the City during the first couple of weeks
- Bus journey times on key corridors, e.g. Cannon Street, Bishopsgate, London Wall, New Change

The above data will be for the first couple of weeks of operation only, when new vehicle movements will not have fully settled down.



In the longer term there will be more comprehensive monitoring reports which will measure progress against key criteria including:

- Safety improvement – success would be a minimum of 25% reduction of casualties at Bank and an improvement of 5% within the wider area
- Maintenance of access for deliveries – success would be 75% of businesses are satisfied about the convenience of their servicing and delivery activities
- Improved air quality – a measured improvement at Bank and the wider area not being any worse
- Traffic flow – improved bus journey times and other traffic no worse on four key routes

Other measures will include noise levels, public perception, pedestrian footfall, taxi usage and traffic volumes.

Full public consultation for the experiment opened on 22 May but was not expected to be widely accessed for the first few weeks while the scheme settled. It is planned to close the consultation at the end of November 2017.

All the above will be fully reported before a final decision is taken on the permanency, or otherwise, of the experiment.

We know that there are concerns about this scheme and we are committed to representing those concerns and ensuring any significant disruption or impact is addressed through appropriate changes to the scheme.

Further details can be obtained from the Project via bankarea@cityoflondon.gov.uk or 020 7332 3839.



New network on the way

The City of London Corporation has announced a deal that will deliver a free, public access WiFi network, offering internet access anywhere within the Square Mile.

The multi million pound project is one of the largest investments in wireless infrastructure ever seen in London.

Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd (CTIL) has been awarded a major 15-year contract to roll-out and manage the City of London's new wireless network in conjunction with O2. The new network will deliver wireless services across all mobile networks for City businesses, residents and visitors.

CTIL will build 4G mobile "small cells", which will be housed on City street furniture such as lampposts, street signs, buildings and CCTV columns to provide enhanced mobile coverage at street level, and ensure that the City is best placed to become an early adopter of 5G which is widely expected to become available in 2020.

CTIL will partner with O2 in building the WiFi network which will be free for the public to use. It will be fully operational by Autumn 2017.

The network will be more technically advanced than those found in other leading global financial centres, including New York. State-of-the-art equipment will provide speeds and see users able to enjoy high bandwidth services like video-calling and video on demand over free City WiFi following a one-time only registration.

Residents in the City Corporation's 12 central London housing estates will also benefit from a new high speed internet service after plans to expand fibre optic broadband were given the green light earlier this year.

New state of the art equipment will be installed which will provide speeds of up to one gigabit at affordable prices, and see users able to enjoy high bandwidth services like video on demand.

The new broadband services will be rolled out across the City Corporation's social housing estates, which stretch across seven London boroughs including the City of London, Hackney, Islington, Lambeth, Lewisham, Southwark and Tower Hamlets housing more than 7,500 residents.

Up to five internet providers per estate will

be invited to bid for the opportunity to connect and will be selected based on affordability and quality of service. The City Corporation has asked potential providers to include reduced payment options for residents on low incomes and benefits.

Protecting yourself or your firm from cybercrime

After this article was written the NHS was hit with a ransomware cyber attack which reinforced the importance of people or firms taking steps to try to avoid this type of attack:

- Install system and application updates on all devices as soon as they become available.
- Install anti-virus software on all devices and keep it updated.
- Create regular backups of your important files to a device that isn't left connected to your network as any malware infection could spread to that too.

For more detailed help go to: getsafeonline.org/cityoflondonpolice



Upgrade for eShot

And the City's new WiFi network will come in handy for picking up our monthly eShot when you're on the move.

It's design is being refreshed, with a careful eye on mobile use, so it will be even easier to find out what's going on in the Square Mile.

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Aldgate area improvements

Change to the Aldgate traffic layout are now complete with work on the major uplift to the area as a whole scheduled for completion by December of this year. Highway improvements include pedestrian crossing points and easier navigation of bus services.

There is now two-way traffic on Aldgate High Street, St Botolph Street, a section of Middlesex Street and Minories. A section of Middlesex Street has also been closed to traffic at the junction with St Botolph Street.

The highway changes are also enabling the creation of two new public spaces – Aldgate Square and Eastern public space.

The overall aims of the Aldgate Highway Changes and Public Realm Improvements Project are to:

- enhance safety for road users
- improve cycling routes
- improve pedestrian routes and connections
- introduce more greenery
- create new public space for events, leisure and play
- improve lighting in the area

Sitting within Aldgate Square and complementing the two heritage listed buildings on either side, the Portsoken Pavilion will complete the scheme. A social enterprise operator will run the facilities inside providing a new hub promoting events, leisure and play.



Designs of the times



The City of London never stands still and nowhere is that more true than in the construction of new buildings.

The City has always been a centre for ground breaking architecture and many of its buildings have become icons not just of London but of the UK as a whole. With this in mind, the City Corporation has updated its Designs of the times self-guided walk leaflet to include the latest additions to the City's architecture.

New entries include London Wall Place, 5 Broadgate, 100 Bishopsgate, the Scalpel and Bloomberg Place. The City walk route has been devised to take you through the Square Mile and from start to finish should take you about 90 minutes at an average walking pace.

Pick up a copy at Guildhall reception, the City Information Centre opposite St Paul's Cathedral or download it from the self-guided section of this page:

www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/walks



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We are always happy to talk to workers and residents within the Ward about any issues you may wish to raise. Please contact us if you would like to arrange a meeting.

COMMUNICATING WITH THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE CITY OF LONDON

Support the City of London Police – would you be interested in being an Independent Member?

By James Thomson, Common Councilman and Ward Deputy



The City of London Corporation is the police authority for the Square Mile and is responsible for ensuring that the City of London Police delivers a fair, efficient and effective police service. It's priorities include protecting the Square Mile and it is the lead force for economic crime nationally. It delegates its powers to the Police Committee which comprises 11 elected members from the Court

of Common Council together with two Independent Members who work or live in the City and will be shortly advertising a vacancy for an Independent Member.

The Police Committee is looking for someone who is able to:

- demonstrate a genuine, active interest in both local and national policing;
- provide independent oversight and scrutiny to deliver a fair, efficient and effective police service in the City of London;
- seek out and listen to the views of local communities;
- maintain a constructive partnership

with the City of London Police and other relevant organisations;

- actively take part in meetings of the Police Committee and in any subcommittee, panel or forum to which you are appointed.

This is an incredibly fascinating and interesting role. I myself have served on the Police Committee for three years and have recently become its Deputy Chairman and would be happy to speak with anyone interested in applying. The role would require you to commit just a few hours a month.