

Road Freight Bulletin N°18: 17 August 2012

TfL's Olympic Road Freight Management team aims to provide you with the latest useful information and advice to help you plan and prepare your operations for the Paralympic Games. There is only just over a week to go until the opening ceremony of the Paralympics, the world's second-largest sporting event. Some venues and their surrounding areas are likely to be as busy as they were during the Olympics. You are advised to check the information in this document and the attached briefing to establish whether your operations are likely to be affected.

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1. Briefing: Managing your deliveries during the London 2012 Paralympic Games

We have attached a briefing document which seeks to answer some of the questions you may have about the Paralympics, The document includes the following sections:

- Overview and key facts
- Paralympic Torch Relay, 29th August, including a link to the route map
- Paralympic Route Network (PRN) including information about Games Lanes
- Overview of the Paralympic Marathons and the Mayor's Thames Festival parade, Sunday 9 September
- Vehicle Permit Checks - Local Access and Parking Permits
- Traffic arrangements in the Carter Lane area near St. Paul's Cathedral

2. Paralympic Marathon events, Sunday 9 September

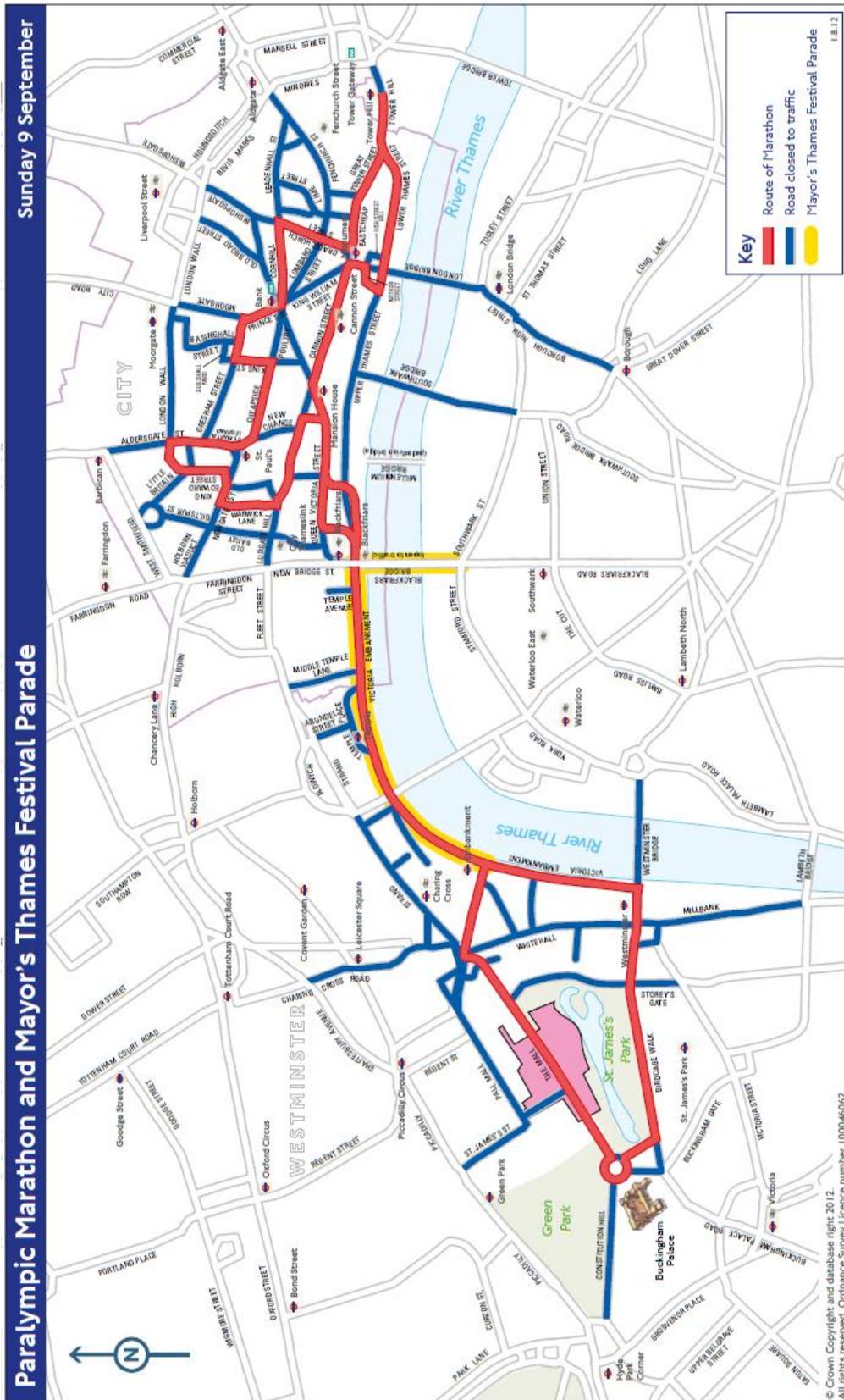
Unlike the Olympic Games, all Marathon events are consolidated into a single day. The Paralympic Marathons, across all categories take place on Sunday 9 September. The first event will start at 08:00 and the final race is expected to conclude mid-afternoon. Roads in and around the course will be closed from midnight (i.e. 23:59 Saturday night).

A number of key roads and bridges in central London will be closed before the race and through Sunday, re-opening when safe to do so. Sections 5, 6 and 7 of the Road Events PRN will be in use during this event.

However Victoria Embankment also forms part of the Mayor's Thames Festival parade riverside route and will therefore remain closed until that event has finished late on Sunday evening. Blackfriars Bridge will also be closed to traffic from 18:00 reopening around midnight.

Please take a look at the map below which details those roads that will be closed on 9 September. If you are aware of any specific difficulties which cannot be resolved by yourself and your customers please get in touch with the TfL Olympic Road Freight Management team by emailing freight@tfl.gov.uk

Map of the Paralympic Marathon route and Mayor's Thames Festival Parade road closures



3. 'Our Greatest Team' parade, Monday 10 September

Athletes from Team GB and Paralympics GB will parade through the City of London and Westminster on 10 September. Further details will be circulated shortly.

4. Communications from TfL

From 28 August, TfL will send daily traffic bulletin emails to businesses who have registered their details with us. If during the Olympic Games you received twice daily emails from an email address which displayed as 'London 2012 Games Transport Update' you will continue to receive bulletins from us during the Paralympic Games.

Unforeseen disruption likely to have a significant impact for a significant period will be reported upon in special alerts with the subject "Transport Alert for Freight" sent from an account which will be displayed as "London 2012 Transport Update". If you did not receive the scheduled bulletins or the special alerts, please email freight@tfl.gov.uk with "Subscribe" in the subject headline.

5. Information sources to assist your operational planning

TfL Olympic Road Freight Management webpages

Further information about making deliveries during the Games is available by visiting TfL's website: www.tfl.gov.uk/2012freight this includes case studies of businesses making changes and the Code of Practice for making deliveries out-of-hours.

Driver briefing toolkit

We have prepared an updated toolkit to assist briefings you give your drivers to make sure they are ready for the challenges of the Paralympics.

This includes a presentation, fact sheets, Paralympic Route Network (PRN) 'Signs and Lines' example sheet, driver top tips information and the Code of Practice for out-of-hours deliveries. A large scale Paralympic Route Network briefing map is also available to be downloaded.

Freight Journey Planner

TfL's Freight Journey Planner is available for use free-of-charge. It is capable of planning a route compliant with Games-time changes, and will identify the closest legal loading position to the delivery / collection point.

After entering a postcode, address or M25 junction, it can plan a multiple-drop route (up to a maximum of 26 locations). Please visit: <http://freightplanner.tfl.gov.uk> and click on 'Plan your journey'

Information about road changes

Factsheets highlighting how roads (and public transport) will be affected, from Thursday 30th August onwards can be downloaded from www.getaheadofthegames.com/bulletins/default.html. Where TfL is aware of longer term changes arising from previously unforeseen events, these will be updated to reflect those changes.

Interactive map

Day-by-day information on how London's roads will be changing during the Games can be found on the 'Temporary Road Changes' interactive map, available at:

www.getaheadofthegames.com/travelinaffectedareas/city/london-driving-and-roads.html

Information (text-based) about Games-time changes to the road network including access and parking, changes on Road Event days, local access and parking, Paralympic Route Network operations and build-out process) is available at www.getaheadofthegames.com/things-you-should-know/changes-roads.html

Live traffic information

Live traffic information is available by visiting www.tfl.gov.uk/trafficnews or following TfL Traffic News on Twitter @TfLTrafficNews.

6. Feedback

We are keen to hear from you as to how your operations performed during the Games. Additionally please let us know if there were any issues that impacted your operation and you believe these may reoccur during the Paralympics. Email freight@tfl.gov.uk

Contacting TfL during the Paralympic Games

The Olympic Road Freight Management Team will be available seven days a week between 28 August and 10 September.

To ensure you receive the fastest response to any queries or updates during these periods please address all freight-related communication to freight@tfl.gov.uk rather than any individual TfL phone or email contact you may have currently. This is because your existing contact in the team may not always be available while we cover the extended opening hours and we want to ensure you receive the swiftest possible response.

If you no longer wish to receive emails from the Olympic Freight team at Transport for London, please respond to this email with "NO NEWSLETTER" in the subject line.

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