

Southwark, Lambeth and
Wandsworth

Cycling and Traffic Management Partnership – 3rd October 2016 (7.30 AM ride)

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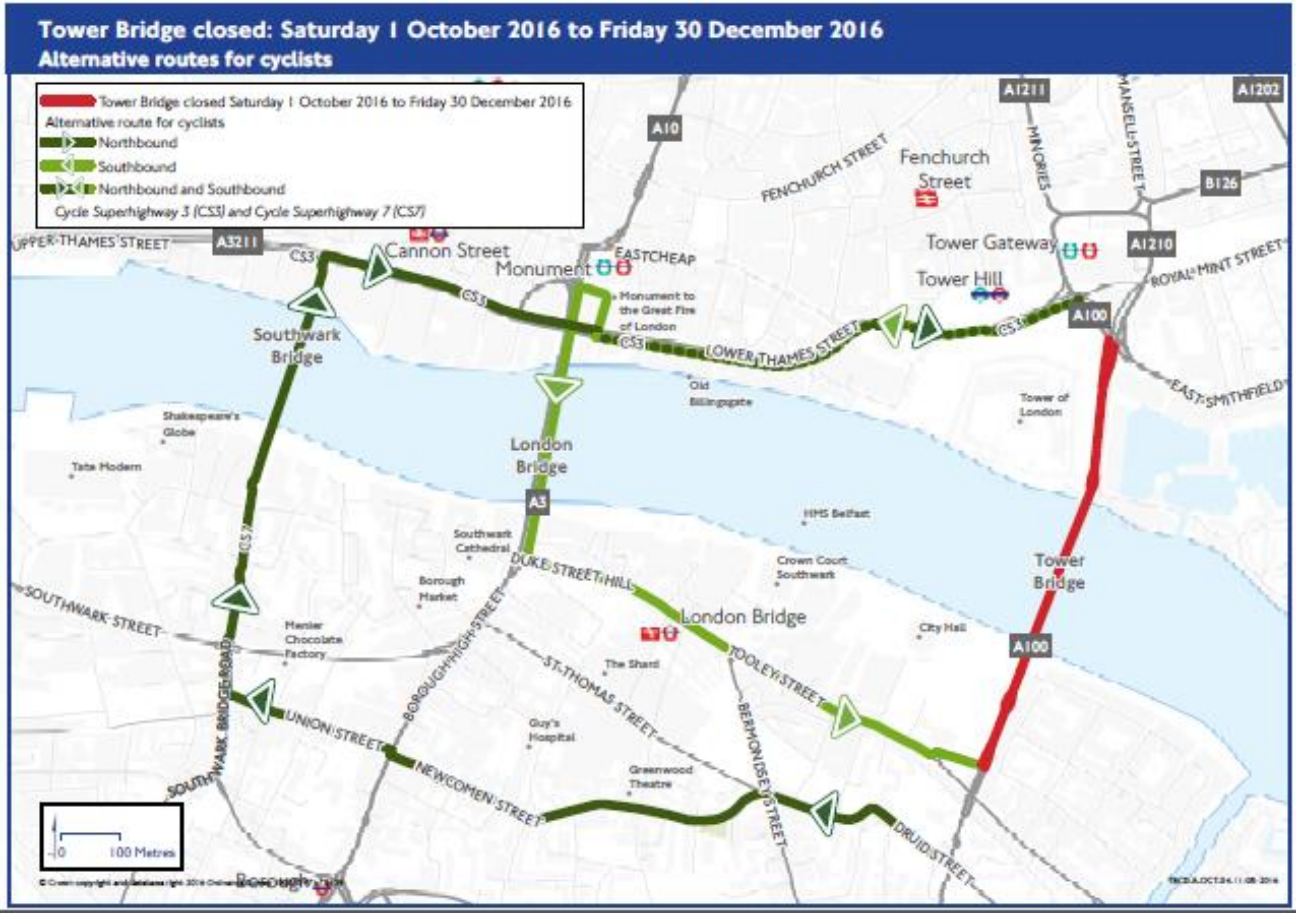
Introduction

The partnership is made up of TfL, Southwark and Lambeth cycle and pedestrian groups.




The objective of the exercise is to; on a regular basis cycle through TfL schemes during build and ensure where possible that the traffic management implemented does not negatively impact on vulnerable road users.





Cycling Area





A focus on Tower Bridge Closure






Minutes





Zone and location Item	Comments	Actions/ Responses
General observations with cycle diversion route		
<div></div>	<p>Cycle diversion signage inconsistent and confusing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cycle logos missing• Cycle wording inconsistent	<p>MB (TfL) , stick on cycle logos on all signs for consistency</p>




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	<p>Some diversion signage poorly located with obstructions impacting sufficient visibility.</p>	<p>An full inspection required to relocate some signage required.</p>
<p>Tower Hill / Tower Bridge</p> 	<p>General diversion sign confusing above cycle track.</p>	<p>MB (TfL) , suggested on A-Frame or under existing TM signage</p>
	<p>TM “no right turn” from nearby scheme blocking dropped curb crossing.</p>	<p>MB (TfL), actioned same day.</p>
	<p>Lorry and van parked/stacked on East Smithfield (W) causing obstruction to cyclists and pinch point at TM cones.</p> <p>Avoid cyclists being forced out into heavy streams of traffic.</p>	<p>MB (TfL), full logistics management review already underway.</p>
	<p>Mansell St (S), Green filter arrows confusing.</p> <p>“Ahead Only” arrows left un- blacked out.</p>	<p>Due to requiring green light this issue will have to be accepted until signals upgraded.</p>

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	<p>Cycle diversion (South) signs located before visibility of “Road Closed”.</p> <p>Poor signage coming from CS3 towards Tower Bridge, and cyclists confused on Mansell St asking for route help.</p>	<p>Require more road closed signs.</p>
 	<p>5 tippers stacked on Mansell St Bus stop was being blocked.</p>	<p>MB (TfL), to review options for lorry stacking.</p> <p>Vehs are now being stacked in Mnasell St northbound</p>
	<p>No clear signage that “Pedestrian Access” is allowed across the bridge.</p>	<p>RTEOs reported some confusion is access was allowed.</p>

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	<p>High numbers of cyclists off Tower Bridge (after walking over) to Mansell St (N) & Minorities (N)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cyclists in conflict with traffic mandated right off Mansell St (S). Driver from Mansell St (S) not expecting cyclists from the "Closed Road". Cycles coned off at signals. <p>Potential to split light phase—so that north and south traffic are separated. And space given without cones to cyclists.</p>	<p>MB (TfL) Mansell St (N) review if cycle route Mansell St (N) viable passed new compound area?</p> <p>Suggest enforcement officers on the northern side being visible to right turning traffic.</p> <p>MB to discuss options with signals, if any.</p>
	<p>Construction drivers regularly seen stopped and left straddling live junction for extended periods.</p>	<p>Site requires better management of vehicles access and egress manoeuvres.</p>
	<p>Poor marshalling, no robust process for stopping pedestrians. Added danger as construction traffic reversing off site into junction.</p>	<p>Full review of marshalling methods required.</p>

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	<p>Marshals need to stop traffic over multiple lanes over live junction,</p> <p>No “Stop” signs or similar safety process.</p>	
	<p>Poor demarcation of Site boundary, with strong pedestrian desire impacting Site entrance.</p> <p>Consider Heras fencing and improved site access management.</p>	<p>MB (TfL), full logistics management review already underway.</p>
	<p>High number of cyclist regularly walking over bridge.</p> <p>Most cyclists compliant and dismounted. Small number scooting downhill, or trying to cycle creating conflict with pedestrians.</p> <p>Pedestrian/tourist “inter-peak” causing congestion/crowds at choke points on bridge later in the day.</p>	<p>MB Suggests: Additional PCSO / RTEOs to periodically patrol over bridge during day and evening (not just at ends), with regular review of issues.</p>

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	<p>Poor location of signs for those with impaired vision.</p> <p>Unnecessary use of cones narrowing footway access.</p>	<p>MB to discuss alternate arrangements for dismounting cyclists at this location</p>
<p>Lack of information to pedestrians and cyclists.</p>	<p>Consider creating large information board to explain cycle diversion with map.</p> <p>What warnings/provisions are available for mobility users, wheelchairs, recumbents, without dismounting?</p> <p>Clearer public information board to detail Site Project Manager and contact point for issues.</p>	<p>MB to review with AP</p>
	<p>No Entry sign confusing, as local access and cycling accepted.</p> <p>Cyclists seen at left hook risk.</p>	
	<p>Contractor site lorry reversed extended distance with no banksman from Tower Bridge site exit (S), over a live junction, to then access Queen Elizabeth Street.</p> <p>Lorry later at Tower Bridge (N)</p>	<p>Marshalling concerns again.</p>
<p>Impact on Tooley Street</p> 	<p>Increase in cyclists using Tooley Street to access London Bridge.</p> <p>TM tidy up water-filled barriers, and provide more room for cycles. Potential for mandatory cycle lane.</p>	<p>MB to liaise with Network Rail for tweaking of water filled barriers.</p>

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	<p>S&T Developers blocked footway when loading. Stopped vehicle on road to manage loading. FORS lorry seen reversing without banksman.</p>	<p>MB discussed with project manager issues. This is to be reported to Highways</p>
<p>Snowsfield/ Newcomer Street</p> 	<p>Incorrect sign. Cycle diversion is a right turn off Newcomer St (from Snowsfield).</p>	<p>Sign to be relocated.</p>
	<p>Diversion route unpleasant to cycle. Local rat run for lorries and service vehicles, poor road surface, congested in narrow single lane frustrating to cyclists.</p>	<p>MB to raise issues with PI contact for scheme. This is a borough road (Southwark).</p>
	<p>St Thomas Street is fully open to pedestrians on day of ride. Potential to open to cyclists.</p>	<p>Questions have been asked of Network Rail to open St Thomas St. MB to ask if cyclists only option available.</p>
	<p>Pre ride team briefing</p>	