

ROADWORKS PATROL

Roadworks Patrol – 20th February 2017 (9 AM ride)

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Attendees



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Rebecca Jones	Sustrans		
Tim Hill	Battersea Power Station		
Alan Clarke	A PLant		
Grace Burke	PI TfL		
Kin Lam	Events		

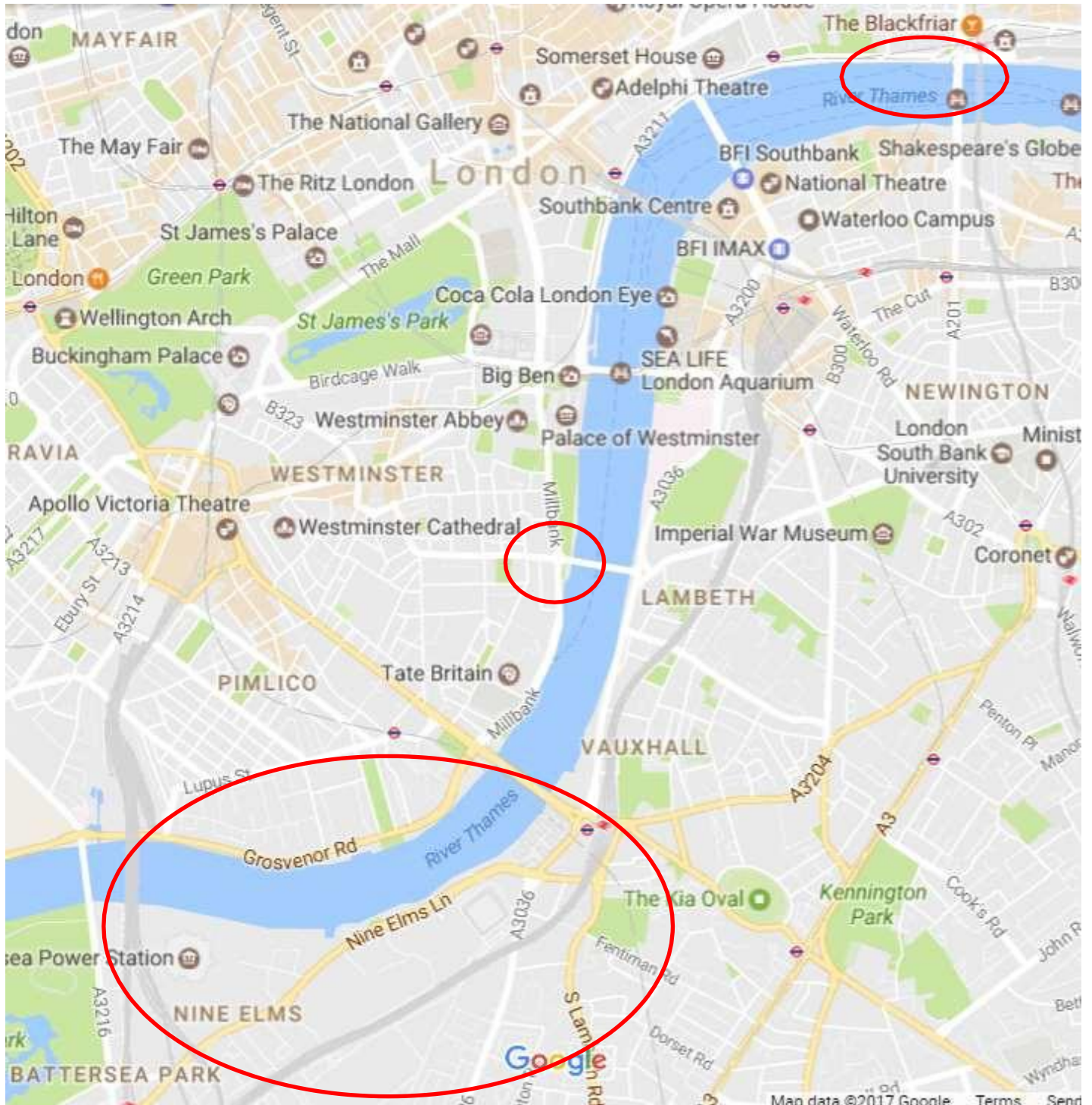
Introduction

The partnership is made up of TfL, cycle and pedestrian and other stakeholder groups.

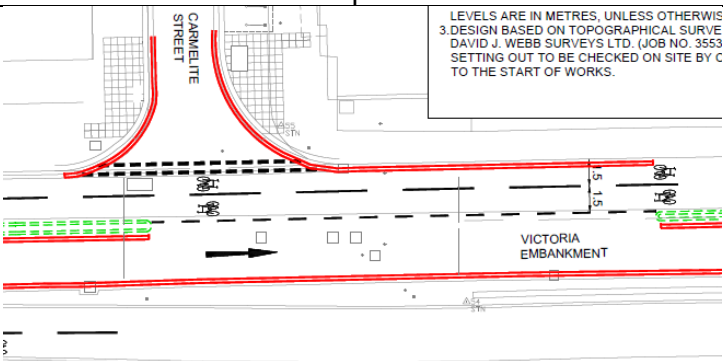


The objective of the exercise is, on a regular basis to cycle and walk through TfL and major development projects during build and ensure where possible, the traffic management and construction management methods implemented does not negatively impact on vulnerable road users.

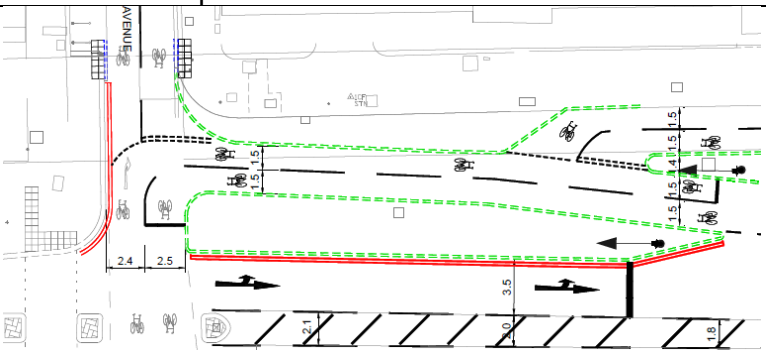






After a safety briefing, the group rides and walks through the chosen locations. If any additional issues are observed on route, the group lead will often stop and either make on site suggestions or take notes. Once at the chosen sites, the group will note all observations and experiences which include taking pictures as evidence. At the end of the run, the group sits together at a café and discusses the day's activities. This forms the report which is distributed to all involved.

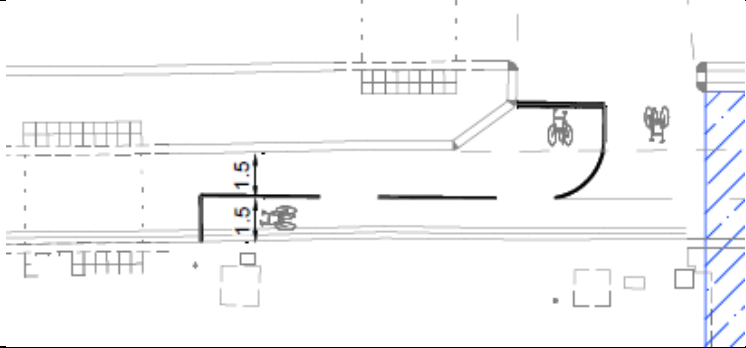
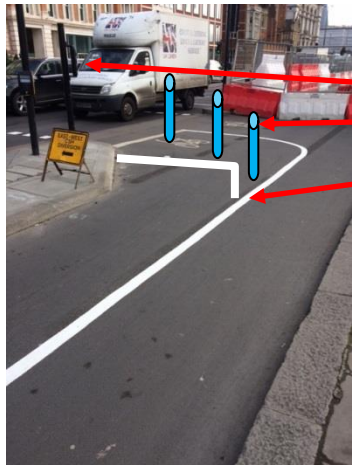


AREA COVERED






HOTSPOT 1	ISSUES & ACTIONS
<p>TIDEWAY - Blackfriars Bridge – New layout</p>	
	 <p>Group briefing in advance of ride</p>
 	<p>No advanced warning of new layout Cyclists confusion all directions. Investigate signing regime</p> <p>Varying cyclists speeds causing conflict at junction Investigate slowing methods</p> <p>Cycle stand – issues when cyclists cut across or slow to access Relocate stands</p>
 	<p>Very sharp left hand turn. Cargo bike observed using full width to turn. Investigate alignment Potential for lane markings to guide cyclists Potential for island cut back & virtual markings to aid cargo bike turning</p> <p>Pedestrian conflicts once cyclists turn Suggest colour crossing area buff or alternative</p>
	<p>Minimal green time for cyclists on ramp to exit. Short inter-green between cyclists and cars on ramp. Raising safety concerns Signals team to investigate options</p>

HOTSPOT 2	ISSUES & ACTIONS
<p>Victoria Embankment Ramp</p> 	
	<p>Grey kerbs have conflict potential especially night time.</p> <p>Potential to paint for better visibility and have white taper on approach</p> <p>Large gap between kerbs</p> <p>Suggest tightening up with cylinders etc</p>
	<p>Vehicles observed over running give way markings</p> <p>Suggest stopline and associated signs</p> <p>Suggest blue surface and roundels to offer visual awareness across side road</p>
	<p>Tight radius for left turners in and out ramp</p> <p>Potential for widening as kerbs around signal poles are pin down</p>

HOTSPOT 3	ISSUES & ACTIONS
<p>Bottom of Ramp</p> 	
  	<p>Tight radius on approach with oncoming cyclists crossing wrong side and conflicts with right turning cyclists into Temple Avenue and cycle stands. Investigate widening and including right turn pocket Investigate except cyclists under no entry signs</p>
 	<p>Vehicles blocking crossing area Suggest blue surface covering this section</p>

HOTSPOT 4	ISSUES & ACTIONS
<p data-bbox="52 208 481 241">Victoria Embankment eastbound</p> 	
 	<p data-bbox="874 586 1460 654">Tight radius for westbound cyclists. Cyclists observed crossing line with conflict concerns</p> <p data-bbox="874 654 1524 757">Suggest investigating relocating stopline position and associated low level signal angle In addition cylinders can minimise conflict</p>
	<p data-bbox="874 1462 1308 1534">Sign blocking signal on approach Needs relocating</p>

<p>Overall observations for assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good advanced signage alerting of new layout to minimise confusion • Road markings to aid lane discipline • Clear and well placed directional signage • Check all signals are not obstructed • Investigate speed reduction measures especially on Blackfriars Road/Bridge • Coloured surface for pedestrian crossing on the ramp • Colouring islands that potentially obstruct cyclists • Investigate widening of areas • Investigate timings • Side road access concerns – blue colouring and roundels • Reduce tight corners • Investigate turning pocket opportunity • Use of cylinders to maintain lane discipline 	
<p>Lambeth Bridge Westminster</p>	<p>ISSUES & ACTIONS</p>
	<p>No Narrow lanes warnings, general pinch points all round, and speed issues.</p> <p>Suggest 20mph over works. Narrow lanes no overtaking cyclists</p>
<p>Wandsworth Road, Vauxhall</p>	
	<p>Signal shroud unprotected</p> <p>Suggest taper of cones to deflect traffic</p>
<p>Nine Elms Lane</p>	
	<p>High speeds and cycling conflict points.</p> <p>MB instructed site operatives to pull in TM around bend where the were no works within.</p>



No ramps in place
MB instructed site operative to source facility



Entire area has large quantities of dust and dirt being distributed from sites
MB stated that methods were in place for street cleansing
There are also many potholes.
MB to chase Vincent VNEB group.



Tideway associated utility works – vehicles are still driving through at speeds. Group experienced bullying behaviours from all vehicle types.
MB to send memo to VNEB & bus ops to relay message to all operators



Poor maintenance of signs
MB to send memo to VNEB to inform contractors

		<p>Sign placement blocking vision of crossing and bus shelter MB to send memo to VNEB to inform contractors</p>
	<p>Poorly managed TM with narrowing of lane without desired signage MB to send memo to VNEB to inform contractors</p>	
		
<p>Battersea Park Road</p>		
	<p>Road markings have faded along route MB to send memo to VNEB to inform contractors</p>	
<p>Kennington Lane, Vauxhall</p>		
	<p>Site observations before Network Rail (NR) bridge works. NR proposes to close westbound cycle track long term during bridge works.</p> <p>MB in liaison with contractor investigating alternate methods to maintain cycling.</p> <p>This includes sharing available space by using innovative TM methods.</p>	



MB to liaise with NR, WCaP and LCC on final design

New Rider Comments

Fran - LCC

I found this morning fascinating, and I think it was very important that the group contained members from the Tideway project, TfL and Sustrans, as well as local residents and groups such as Southwark Cyclists. Combined, the group has the knowledge needed to assess the junctions, and the ability to suggest and implement improvements. Actually getting out on the road can demonstrate weaknesses in temporary road designs that might work on paper, but also can provide 'quick fixes' that will make things safer for cyclists and pedestrians, such as improving the signage to prevent lost cyclists ending up on the pavements, or making the island in the cycle land more visible at night/in bad weather, both of which were identified this morning at Blackfriars.

Alan Clarke APLant

Generally I felt quiet safe on the roads and in most cases the cycle lanes were clearly marked and at no time did I feel at risk.

The team indicated with you many improvements on signage, temporary re-routing and junction hotspots mainly around the Tideway areas which will further improve the cycling experience here in the capital both now and for the future.

(I liked the Elephant & Castle cut through route which took us through the park and via the sport centre which avoided the notorious E&C roundabout) Nine Elms seems to be the biggest challenge with poor site awareness on barrier positioning and signage - some may say common senses should resolve the obvious. Collectively we are all empowered to challenge road, pedestrian and cycle safety and maybe through contract we should nominate a champion for each zone.

I think all tier contractors working in these zones should be encouraged to join cycle patrols before starting works making sure their works do not put others at risk.

Grace TfL

Thank you very much for leading yesterday's ride. After going to several of your presentations about roadworks, it was very useful to go out on the road today and see the issues you talk about in real life. It was really encouraging to see the cycle diversions Tideway have put in place to mitigate the impact of their works but even more so the fact that these diversions are being actively reviewed by cyclists. The ride out to Battersea helped to highlight the differing risks when cycling on the road and the importance of good communication with sites, especially long term ones. Although there are obviously risks as pointing out on the ride, this ride did make me feel more confident about cycling in London and hope to have a go again soon in the not too distant future.

Next Ride

MB will confirm and send out invites.