

4. Waterloo proposals

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What we would like you to know

- Access to a number of key destinations would be changed by the proposals for routes 53, 59, 133, 171 and 521. These include London College of Communications, St George's Cathedral, Imperial War Museum, Goldsmiths College, Lambeth North Station, Elephant & Castle Station, Borough Market, Holborn Station, Monument Station, St Bartholomew's Hospital, Waterloo Station, Chancery Lane Station, The City Temple, St Paul's Cathedral and Cannon Street Station
- Although we propose to change bus routes to keep key journey links, some people may need to change buses to continue making their journey in future
- Routes 53, 59 and 133 would form part of a core network on which a high frequency (a minimum 12-minute scheduled wait time between buses) would be provided on all days of the week from early in the morning to late at night
- Some customers may also have to wait longer at stops as the proposals result in a lower frequency of service
- Providing high frequency routes would help limit the length of time that customers might have to wait at bus stops – helping to mitigate the impact of the need to change between bus routes in the future
- All our buses are low floor and 95 per cent of bus stops are accessible. This will also help to minimise difficulty for customers alighting and changing between buses in future
- The Hopper fare provides the ability to make a second journey within 60 minutes of boarding the first bus. Most journeys that may require interchange would be able to take advantage of the Hopper fare

Current route	Proposed route	Why we propose change
53 Between Orchard Road/Griffin Road and Lower Marsh via Plumstead, Vanbrugh Park, Deptford Bridge, New Cross, Old Kent Road and Elephant & Castle	Route 53 would no longer run between Lambeth North and Elephant & Castle	There is less demand for buses in the area north of Elephant & Castle. Withdrawing route 53 from this area would allow us to provide buses where they are needed more

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Customers who use route 53 should note the following

How these proposals may change your current journey

- Three per cent of customers currently using route 53 would no longer be able to complete their journey on one bus route

Interchange options under this proposal:

- Customers travelling between Plumstead – Deptford and north of Elephant & Castle would be able to change between route 53 and route 453 at Elephant & Castle
- Northbound they would change at Stop M and southbound at Stop J (Elephant & Castle / New Kent Road)
- To assist customers waiting to board, both stops have seating, shelter and a Countdown sign displaying expected bus arrival times

The section of route proposed for change in the Elephant & Castle area is shown below.

Please note proposed stops are indicative for consultation purposes:

53	Current stops	Proposed stops (indicative)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Old Kent Road - Ilderton Road● Commercial Way● Peckham Park Road● Malt Street● Trafalgar Avenue● Dunton Road● Old Kent Road - East Street● Bricklayers Arms● Rodney Place● Elephant and Castle - New Kent Road● London College of Communication● St Georges Road - Imperial War Museum● Lambeth North Station● Lower Marsh	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Old Kent Road - Ilderton Road● Commercial Way● Peckham Park Road● Malt Street● Trafalgar Avenue● Dunton Road● Old Kent Road - East Street● Bricklayers Arms● Rodney Place● Elephant and Castle - New Kent Road● Elephant and Castle - London Road

View the current 53 bus route in full on our website here: tfl.gov.uk/bus/route/53

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Current route	Proposed route	Why we propose change
59 Between Telford Avenue and Euston Bus Station via Brixton, Kennington, Waterloo, and Holborn	Reroute the 59 at Holborn Station to run via High Holborn and Newgate Street, to terminate at St Pauls Station	There is less demand for buses between Holborn and Euston Rerouting the 59 at Holborn removes excess capacity, while keeping journey links between Waterloo Station and High Holborn – St Pauls

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Customers who use route 59 should note the following

How these proposals may change your current journey

- Eleven per cent of customers currently using route 59 would no longer be able to complete their journey on one bus route. This percentage also accounts for customers impacted by proposed changes to route 59 in the Coldharbour Lane neighbourhood
- The proposed reroute would provide a direct bus service between Streatham – Lambeth North and High Holborn – St Pauls
- Access to St Bartholomew's Hospital would be improved

Interchange options under this proposal:

- Customers travelling to or from places north of Holborn Station would be able to change to routes 68, 91 or 168 at Holborn Station
- Northbound customers would alight at Holborn Station Stop P and board at Holborn Station Stop N. These stops are about 20 metres apart
- Southbound customers would change at Holborn Station Stop M
- To assist customers waiting to board, these stops have seating, shelter and a Countdown sign displaying expected bus arrival times

The section of route proposed for change is shown below.
Please note proposed stops are indicative for consultation purposes:

59	Current stops	Proposed stops (indicative)
	Waterloo Station - Tenison Way	Waterloo Station - Tenison Way
	Waterloo Bridge - South Bank	Waterloo Bridge - South Bank
	Lancaster Place	Lancaster Place
	Aldwych - Kingsway	Aldwych - Kingsway
	Holborn Station	Holborn
	Southampton Row - Theobalds Road	Holborn Station
	Russell Square Station	Brownlow Street
	Tavistock Square	Chancery Lane
	Upper Woburn Place - Euston Road	Holborn Circus - Fetter Lane
	Euston Bus Station	City Thameslink Station
		King Edward Street
		St Pauls

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Current route	Proposed route	Why we propose change
133 Between Streatham Station to Liverpool Street Station via Streatham Hill, New Park Road, Brixton, Kennington, Elephant & Castle and London Bridge	Reroute the 133 at Monument to run via King William Street, Cheapside, and Newgate Street to terminate at St Bartholomew's Hospital	There is less demand for buses between London Bridge and Liverpool Street Rerouting the 133 at Monument removes excess capacity while keeping direct journey opportunities between London Bridge and Cheapside – St Bartholomew's. The reroute would also restores the link between areas south of Borough and Bank

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Customers who use route 133 should note the following

How these proposals may change your current journey

- Seven per cent of daily journeys currently made on route 133 would no longer be possible on one route.
- A majority of these journeys are to or from Liverpool Street Bus Station. Route 35 provides a service to the east side of Liverpool Street Station on Bishopsgate, about 200 metres from the Bus Station. For some customers, route 35 may be a reasonable alternative travel option
- There would be a direct bus service between Streatham – Borough and Cheapside – St Bartholomew's (Hospital).

Interchange options under this proposal:

- Customers travelling between places south of Elephant and Castle and north of Monument would be able to change to route 344 at Newington Causeway. The 344 serves the same stops north of Monument as the 133
- This would be possible at the same stop in each direction. Northbound it would be at Stop H (Elephant & Castle / Newington Causeway). Southbound it would be at Stop B (Inner London Crown Court). To assist customers waiting to board, both stops have seats and Stop H has a Countdown sign displaying expected bus arrival times
- Some customers who travel to or from Borough High Street – Monument and use bus stops north of Monument would be able to use route 35. Those who want to access Liverpool Street Bus Station would need to change to route 344
 - Northbound they would alight the 133 at Stop Q (Monument) and board route 344 at Stop T (Gracechurch Street Monument Station)
 - Southbound they would alight the 344 at Stop U (Fenchurch Street) and board the 133 at Stop P (Monument)

- These stops are around 280 metres apart and involve crossing Monument Junction via a subway or complex road crossings
- To assist customers waiting to board, all stops have seats and shelters. However, there are not currently Countdown signs displaying expected bus arrival times

The section of route proposed for change is shown below.

Please note proposed stops are indicative for consultation purposes:

133 Current stops	Proposed stops (indicative)
• Elephant and Castle Station	• Elephant and Castle Station
• Elephant and Castle - Newington Causeway	• Elephant and Castle - Newington Causeway
• Inner London Crown Court	• Inner London Crown Court
• Borough Station	• Borough Station
• Union Street	• Union Street
• London Bridge Station	• London Bridge Station
• Monument Station	• Monument Station
• Fenchurch Street	• King William Street - Monument Station
• Camomile Street	• Bank - King William Street
• Wormwood Street	• Poultry - Bank
• Liverpool Street Station	• St Pauls
	• St Bartholomews Hospital Newgate Street

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Current route	Proposed route	Why we propose change
171 Between Newquay Road and Lambeth Road via Catford, Brockley, New Cross, Peckham, Camberwell, and Elephant & Castle	Reroute the 171 at Elephant & Castle to terminate on Newington Causeway rather than St George's Road / London Road	It is necessary to move the terminus for route 171 to allow the 53 to terminate at the Elephant due to banned turns at the main road junction.

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Customers who use route 171 should note the following

How these proposals may change your current journey

- If we moved the terminus in Elephant & Castle from London Road to Newington Causeway, one per cent of daily trips currently made on route 171 would no longer be possible on one route

Interchange options under this proposal:

- Customers travelling on route 171 between Catford Garage – Peckham and St Georges Road / London Road would be able to change to route 148 at stops on Walworth Road
- To assist customers waiting to board, stops Westmoreland Road Stops M and J have shelter and seating and a Countdown sign displaying expected bus arrival times

The section of route proposed for change in the Elephant & Castle area is shown below.

Please note proposed stops are indicative for consultation purposes:

171	Current stops	Proposed stops (indicative)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Camberwell Church Street - Camberwell GreenCamberwell GreenMedlar StreetWyndham RoadBowyer PlaceCamberwell Road - Albany RoadWestmoreland RoadEast StreetLarcom StreetHeygate StreetElephant and Castle StationElephant and Castle - London RoadLambeth Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Camberwell Church StreetCamberwell GroveMedlar StreetWyndham RoadBowyer PlaceCamberwell Road - Albany RoadWestmoreland RoadEast StreetLarcom StreetHeygate StreetElephant and Castle StationElephant and Castle - Newington Causeway

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	Current route	Proposed route	Why we propose change
521	<p>Between Waterloo Station / Tenison Way and London Bridge Station</p> <p>via Holborn, Cannon Street and Monument</p>	Route 521 would no longer run	<p>There is less demand for buses between Waterloo, Holborn, and Euston.</p> <p>There is also less demand for buses between London Bridge, Liverpool Street / St Pauls.</p>

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Customers who use route 521 should note the following

How these proposals may change your current journey

- Twenty per cent of daily trips currently made by customers of route 521 would no longer be possible on one route
- While the proposed withdrawal of route 521 would enable us to better match bus services to customer demand, it would also remove some important direct journey opportunities

Alternative travel options under this proposal:

- Customers travelling between Waterloo – St Pauls and Cannon Street – London Bridge would be able to change between routes 59 and 17 at Holborn Circus and between routes 59 and 133 at Newgate Street
- Eastbound customers would alight route 59 at Stop D (Holborn Circus / Fetter Lane) and board route 17 at Stop J (Holborn Circus / Fetter Lane). These stops are about 20m apart. Westbound customers would alight route 17 at Stop H (Holborn Circus / Fetter Lane) and board route 59 at Stop G (Holborn Circus / Fetter Lane). These stops are about 35 metres apart. To assist customers waiting to board, all stops have seats and a shelter, however there is currently not a Countdown sign displaying expected bus arrival times
- Eastbound customers would change between route 59 and 133 at Stop ST (King Edward Street) and westbound at Stop SQ (St Paul's Station). To assist customers waiting to board, both stops have seats and shelters and Stop SQ has a Countdown sign displaying expected bus arrival times
- Stops on New Change would be within 400m of alternative stops on Cheapside. New Change would be served directly by routes 56 and 76 in future. However to change between routes 56 and 76, and routes 59 and 133 customers would have to travel more than 400 metres via pavements and roads

- Under these proposals, route 133 would not directly serve London Bridge Bus Station. Customers wishing to access London Bridge Station would change between routes 17 and 59 as described above or between routes 133 and 17, 141 or 149 at the north end of London Bridge. At London Bridge customers would use Stop Q northbound and Stop P southbound. To assist customers waiting to board, there are seats and shelters at both stops and a Countdown sign at Stop Q displaying expected bus arrival times