

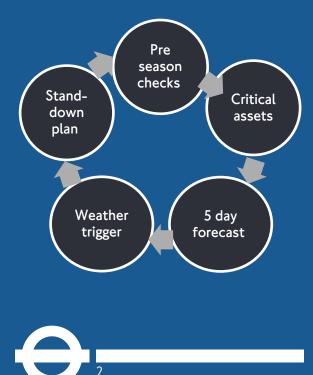


## **Transport for London – Summer Preparedness 2023**

## Planning and Response

### Trigger levels

## Customer Communications



TfL Operations Command and Control response is managed through the Network Management and Resilience Directorate's two Control Centres: The Network Management Control Centre (NMCC) and the London Underground Control Centre (LUCC). Both operate 24/7/365.

#### Planning and Response

- Daily forecasts with a five-day look-ahead and defined trigger levels to support our established 3-2-1 Weather Plan (Day 1 being the actual day of hot/extreme weather)
- Coordination across all public transport modes in planning and real-time delivery
- Dedicated severe weather desk available to be stood up at short notice
- Daily colleague resourcing assessment to support operations
- Command and Control structure implemented as required with Duty Silver and Gold consulted

#### Trigger Levels

- In hot weather we encourage customers to carry water, we can reduce passenger loadings on some services, and make bottled water available on some services
- Colleague advice and welfare communications issued
- Targeted passenger messaging at stations and transport hubs
- On-street temperature readings to ensure optimal air-chill system performance on services
- Enhanced vigilance for potential wildfires

#### **Customer Communications**

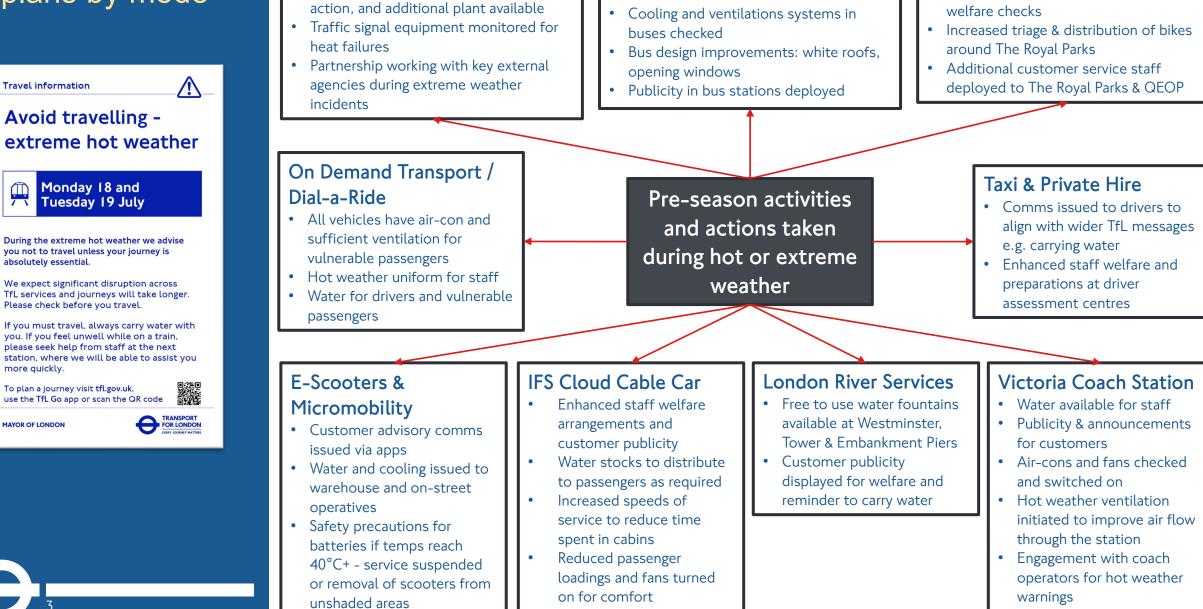
- Customer communications are pre-planned and align to the 3-2-1 weather process
- Pre-drafted messaging can be adapted and issued quickly
- Updated customer posters and public announcement scripts issued

# High level summary of plans by mode

Road Network

Excess surface water hotspots targeted

for maintenance and pre-emptive



**Bus Network** 

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Pre-season vehicle checks undertaken

Water stocks for staff and drivers

Santander Cycle Hire

• Water and cooling towels issued to

drivers and hub staff with increased



#### TfL operates 5 railways

- The Elizabeth line
- London Underground (LU)
- Docklands Light Railway
- London Overground
- TfL Trams

#### Pre-season activities and actions taken during hot or extreme weather

- The LU Network Readiness plan is updated and issued including customer communications and emergency water supplies
- Checks and maintenance of fleet and premises air-conditioning, weather stations and earth structure monitoring
- Summer Key Route Strategy in place with Network Rail in areas of shared tracks
- Pre-stressing of rails where appropriate to mitigate against buckling caused by extreme heat
- Targeted trackside vegetation management and cutting back as required
- Review of the 'Person Ill On Train' (PIOT) policy and customer messaging to minimise disruption caused by this
- Enhanced staff welfare arrangements including provision of water and customer announcements to carry water while travelling, with bottled water stocks at designated locations to distribute to passengers if a train fails
- Pre-emptive action on some assets which are known to fail on hot days to avoid disruption e.g. some points
- Real time rail temperature monitoring and inspections of track, introducing temporary speed restrictions as appropriate in extreme heat. As rail temperatures approach the critical temperature of approximately 50°C measures are introduced
- Standing up of the Adverse Weather Command Group if severe conditions are forecast