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Protocol Directorate of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office presents its compliments to all diplomatic missions and international organisations in London and has the honour to refer to arrangements for the Prudential RideLondon cycling events which will take place in London on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 August.

Transport for London (TfL) has issued guidance about the expected road closures and disruption to services over the weekend of the Prudential RideLondon events.

Travel advice: road closures for cycling events on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 August 2014

On the weekend of 9 and 10 August, a number of road cycling events will take place in London, under the banner of 'Prudential Ride London'. See www.tfl.gov.uk/campaign/prudential-ridelondon/travel-disruption-and-advice?intcmp=17120 for maps, detailed travel advice (summarised below) and to plan ahead.

On **Saturday 9 August**, road closures will be in place in the City of Westminster and the City of London from 05:00 until around 18:00. All central London river crossings will remain open. Buses in and around central London will be on diversion or will terminate earlier than usual. Tube, rail, walking and cycling will be the best ways to get around, although stations close to the events are expected to be busier than normal.

On **Sunday 10 August**, road closures will be in place from 05:00 throughout east, central and south west London. From around 15:00 roads along the route in London will be opened in phases once the event has passed and it is safe to do so, with all London roads expected to be open by 20:30. A number of river crossings will also be closed for some or all of the day including:

- Blackwall Tunnel
- Tower Bridge
- Southwark Bridge
- Westminster Bridge
- Lambeth Bridge
- Vauxhall Bridge
- Battersea Bridge
- Chelsea Bridge
- Albert Bridge
- Chiswick Bridge
- Putney Bridge
- Kingston Bridge
- Hampton Court Bridge

All other river crossings in London will remain open throughout the day.

The road closures will impact more than the immediate Prudential RideLondon route. To avoid disruption drivers are advised, wherever possible, to avoid areas near the event routes in central London on Saturday 9 August, and around the event routes in east, central and south west London, and in the affected parts of Surrey on Sunday 10 August, and to ensure more time is given for journeys.

Airports

People planning to drive to or from airports on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 August are reminded to check if their journey would take them across the route of the Prudential RideLondon events. Consider using public transport to make your journey instead, or plan alternative routes to avoid the road closures.

Protocol Directorate of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office avails itself of this opportunity to express to all diplomatic missions and international organisations in London the assurances of its highest consideration.

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