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East London line phase two track laying finished

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*London Overground: tr
Dalston Junction and
Junction from Dec*

Mayor of London Boris Johnson has fixed the final piece of rail in place on the phase two East London line extension.

At a ceremony to mark completion of the track laying phase of the project Johnson tightened a clip fixing the last rail in place on a 1.3km section of new railway joining the ELL phase one route with the South London line. This is the final link required to create an orbital London Overground network. From December 2012 trains will travel between Clapham Junction via the new section of line and Dalston Junction.

The £75m project is being funded with £60m from the Department of Transport which was negotiated by the Mayor and confirmed in 2009 as part of a deal which will see South London line trains linking London Bridge and London Victoria stations withdrawn.

Boris Johnson said: "London Overground is already one of the most reliable and popular railways in the UK and South London deserves a piece of that. Thanks to the neo-Victorian levels of investment we are putting into London's infrastructure, the people of Southwark, Lewisham, Lambeth and Wandsworth will be linked, for the first time, to every other corner of this city and have access to a turn up and go metro service that will bring jobs, opportunities, growth and prosperity to this previously under served area of London."

The 1.3km link visited by the Mayor this week is laid on a disused railway route which until 1911 was used by trains from Rotherhithe to Peckham via the now-defunct Old Kent Road railway station.



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