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One Station Closer to the Olympic Games

Kings Cross station is one of Britain's most important transport hubs, with up to 47 million people travelling through it each year. The 3 million extra people expected to be using the station over the Olympic period has meant that a multi-million pound restoration project has taken place in which a "web like" steel structure has been erected around the entrance to the station. Currently Kings Cross provides up to 4 links to different train lines, making it a key part of the transport infrastructure for the Olympic Games. The restoration project improves links to the Tube and St Pancras International station where high-speed Javelin trains will take spectators non-stop to Stratford in just seven minutes. The design also incorporates 16 concrete pillars and a central "funnel" leading to the original ticket office, as well as improved signage and extra escalators the design hopes to improve the flow of people using the station. Kings Cross is due to be opened to the public on Monday 19th March 2012, however it will only be fully completed after the Olympic Games in the Autumn of 2013 following the completion of its new square.

