

Transport for London

Minutes of the Safety and Sustainability Panel

Boardroom, 14th Floor, Windsor House, London
10.00am, Tuesday 19 March 2013

Members

Charles Belcher	Chair
Michael Liebreich	Vice Chair
Brendan Barber	Member
Richard Barnes	Member
Baroness Grey-Thompson DBE	Member (for part)

In Attendance

Gordon Sellers	Adviser
Shaun McCarthy	Adviser

Staff

Martin Brown	Head of Health, Safety and Environment, Rail and Corporate
Howard Carter	General Counsel
Jill Collis	TfL Director of Health, Safety and Environment
Leon Daniels	Managing Director, Surface Transport
Stephen Golden	Head of Equality and Sustainability (for part)
Steve Hails	Director of Health and Safety, Crossrail
Elaine Seagriff	Head of London Wide Policy and Strategy (for part)
Mike Weston	Operations Director, Surface Transport
James Varley	Secretariat Officer

01/03/13 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence had been received from Bob Oddy and Mike Brown.

There were no interests to be declared that were relevant to the items on the agenda.

02/03/13 Minutes of the Meeting of the Safety and Sustainability Panel Held on 19 December 2012

The minutes of the Safety and Sustainability Panel meeting held on 19 December 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

03/03/13 Matters Arising and Actions List

Steve Hails explained that Crossrail was still working on its report into the contractor incident at Holborn and the findings would be presented to the next meeting of the Panel.

The Panel noted the Actions List.

04/03/13 Rail and Underground Quarterly Health, Safety and Environment Performance Report – Quarter 2 2012/13

Jill Collis introduced the report. Work on the Low Carbon Station project at Leicester Square station was complete.

The London Ambulance Service had endorsed London Underground's (LU) advice on the treatment of persons taken ill on trains. It was accepted that better medical provision could be made from the platform in the majority of circumstances.

The Panel noted the report.

05/03/13 Surface Transport Quarterly Health, Safety and Environment Performance Report – Quarter 2 2012/13

Leon Daniels introduced the report. Pedestrian countdown was being rolled out and was proving to be successful. It had received widespread approval, with quicker crossings, improved safety and assisted in smoothing traffic flow.

Bus crime was reducing, with the only exception being drug offences. The reduction was largely the result of proactive police activity on the network.

Usage figures were not yet available for Source London but would be provided in the future. Sales of electric vehicles were not as high as expected but were expected to improve over time. Part of any increase in sales would be related to buyers understanding their needs and vehicle usage patterns which would better inform their purchasing decisions.

The Panel noted the report.

06/03/13 Crossrail Quarterly Health, Safety and Environment Performance Report – Quarter 2 2012/13

Steve Hails introduced the report. He explained that sustainability matters had not been included but would be in future. The Panel received copies of the Crossrail Sustainability Annual Report which provided further detail.

The Crossrail Road Safety Initiative on road vehicle safety measures to provide greater safety for cyclists had won the Institute of Occupational Health and Safety Best Achievement in Transport and Logistics Award

The Panel noted the report.

07/03/13 Workplace Assaults

Martin Brown introduced the report. Assaults, threats and abuse in the workplace to both TfL staff and its contractors were taken very seriously and a comprehensive programme existed for dealing with such matters.

The Panel noted that the work done on addressing workplace assaults was a good example of TfL working together with the trade unions to improve working conditions for all staff.

The Panel noted the report.

08/03/13 Equality and Accessibility Plans

Stephen Golden introduced the report which outlined the plans for the next 12 months. One of the key targets was to reduce the journey time difference between people needing step-free access and those able to use the whole network by 50 per cent by 2031.

An extensive programme of stakeholder engagement had taken place. Plans had been reviewed by Citizens Juries and sub-regional mobility forums had been created to provide additional peer review opportunities. Further work was taking place to identify and involve other stakeholders and a wider range of contact information would be provided in the 'Get Involved' section of the 'Your Accessible Transport' document.

In addition to infrastructure changes, staff training was an essential part of delivering the plans.

A paper providing further information on grievances would be submitted to a future meeting of the Panel. **[Action: Jill Collis]**

The Panel noted the report.

09/03/13 TfL's Approach to Addressing Air Quality and CO₂ Challenges in London

Elaine Seagriff introduced the report. The TfL Business Plan set out the programmes and projects to improve London's environment. The Mayor's transport, air quality and climate change strategies have set targets for reductions in particulate matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and carbon dioxide (CO₂). Action plans were being developed and a feasibility study into an Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) was underway. Further analysis of targets and plans would take place.

The communication of the issues and regular provision of easy to digest data was a vital part of obtaining support from the public. The need for the public to understand and talk about pollution would encourage positive action.

The Panel noted the report

10/03/13 Any Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12:05 pm. The next scheduled meeting would be held on Tuesday 16 July 2013 at 10.00am.

Chair: _____

Date: _____