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Dear Mr Curran,

LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (LIP) 2019/20 ANNUAL SPENDING SUBMISSION

Thank you for submitting your Annual Spending Submission to us alongside the draft LIP3 for your authority. This letter confirms our support to your authority in 2019/20 for the LIP programmes identified in Table 1 below and follows on from discussions that we have had with your officers. The funding allocation is set out here in expectation that the borough will have an approved LIP in place.

As you will be aware, we recently published details of our Business Plan for the period 2019/20 to 2023/24. It sets out how we will continue to invest in the vital transport improvements London needs, delivering the Mayor's Transport Strategy, against a backdrop of some significant financial challenges.

Working together, we have been successful in reducing costs, developing new streams of revenue and becoming a more modern and efficient business. This work needs to continue as we seek to respond to a subdued economy, the £700m government grant reduction and the delay to the opening of Crossrail.

In spite of this backdrop, the Business Plan still contains over £1 billion in funding for borough programmes over the life of the plan, to help London local authorities deliver the Mayor's Transport Strategy and meet local transport needs.

LIP CORRIDORS FUNDING

Due to the pressures on TfL's revenue budgets, the annual LIP formula funding will be maintained at the same level as was announced last year. The overall allocation will be £63 million in 2019/20 and will remain at this level for the life of the Business Plan. The funding has been applied to each borough based on the current LIP formula. As a result your authority's LIPs Corridor allocation for 2019/20 will be £1,314,600.

LOCAL TRANSPORT FUND

In spite of the financial pressures, we recognise the boroughs desire to have more say on funding for local priorities. I'm pleased to confirm that the LTF (Local Transport Fund) has been maintained at a level of £3.3m and will be retained for the duration of the Business Plan. London local authorities will therefore continue to receive £100k per annum to spend on local priorities.

LIP MAJOR SCHEMES

There will be no reduction in the overall level of funding for Major Schemes over the life of the Business Plan, however the programme is closed to new submissions with the overall funding stream due to cease in 2021/22. The focus for the 2019/20 funding has been to complete the delivery of schemes which are now in, or approaching the implementation phase.

Funding in 2019/20 has been allocated to the Morden Town Centre Major Scheme to continue implementation with an allocation of £100,000.

BUS PRIORITY AND CYCLING

Budgets for investment in bus priority measures and the cycling network on borough roads remain strong. As in previous years, TfL is identifying the priority projects for the coming year and we will be in touch before March to discuss the detail of any proposals in your borough, and the requisite funding allocation.

LIP LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS

There are currently seven Liveable Neighbourhood schemes in feasibility, and we have also received twenty three bids for future schemes. These submissions are now being assessed by TfL, and we will be contacting you separately to advise you on the outcome and future funding arrangements, with an announcement expected in March 2019.

AIR QUALITY

The third Round of the Mayors Air Quality Fund (MAQF) is now open for submissions. £6million is available to boroughs, over three years, for the implementation of interventions that will improve air quality at a local level. The Bidding Guidance and application forms can be found at <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/pollution-and-air-quality/mayors-air-quality-fund> The deadline for applications is the 11th January, and the successful bids will be announced in Spring.

Go Ultra Low City Scheme participants have until the 31st December to place their orders for residential charge points, for installation by 31st March 2019.

PRINCIPAL ROAD MAINTENANCE

Between 2018/19 and 2019/20 investment in proactive planned renewals on both the Borough Principal Road Network (BPRN) and TfL Road Network (TLRN) will remain paused. An allocation of circa £3m per annum has been retained for the BPRN to continue condition surveys and deal with high priority sites. TfL, working with the boroughs through the London Technical Advisors Group (LoTAG), will agree how this allocation will be targeted to the highest priority sections of road.

Borough bridge strengthening activities are also reduced.

Through the LIP allocation TfL will continue to support LoTAG on the Asset Management Status Reports, especially as this information is vital to making the case for investing in London's roads. A requirement of the LIP is that all Boroughs submit, as per the programme set by LoTAG, an Asset Management Status Report.

SUMMARY OF LIP FUNDING

Table 1 below summarises our support to your authority in 2019/20 for the LIP programmes.

Table 1

LIP Programme	Borough Allocation (£'000)	Comment
Corridors and Neighbourhoods	1314.6	
Local Transport Fund	100	
Major Schemes – Morden Town Centre	100	Funding in 2019/20 is for feasibility
Total	1514.6	

Copies of the LIP Finance and Reporting Guidance which sets out the terms and conditions that apply to LIP funding can be found on our website at: <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/info-for/boroughs/local-implementation-plans>.

Finally I would like to thank you and your officers for your hard work in preparing the recent LIP3 submissions and I look forward to continuing to work with you in future years.

Yours sincerely



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