

Transport for London

Minutes of the Surface Transport Panel

Boardroom, 14th Floor, Windsor House, London
2.00pm, Wednesday 3 March 2010

Members

Steven Norris	Chair
Charles Belcher	Vice Chair (for part)
Daniel Moylan	Deputy Chairman of TfL, Panel Member (for part)
Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson	Panel Member (for part)
Bob Oddy	Panel Member
Patrick O'Keeffe	Panel Member
Steve Wright	Panel Member

Staff

Steve Allen	Managing Director, Finance
David Brown	Managing Director, Surface Transport
Steve Burton	Director of Community Safety Enforcement and Policing
Howard Carter	General Counsel
Garrett Emmerson	Chief Operating Officer, Streets, Surface Transport
Ellen Howard	Director of Corporate Governance
Victoria Moss	Secretariat Officer

01/03/10 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence had been received from Keith Williams.

Steven Norris declared interests as a Board Member of the London Development Agency, as Chairman of AMT-Sybex Limited, as Executive Chairman of Jarvis plc, as a non executive director of Initiate Limited; as Chairman of Saferoad BLG Limited and as a non-executive director of Speedcheck Services Limited. Daniel Moylan declared interests as Deputy Leader of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, as a Director of the London Transport Museum Ltd and as Chairman of Urban Design London. Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson declared an interest as Vice Chair of the Athletes' Committee for the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (LOCOG). Bob Oddy declared an interest as General Secretary of the Licensed Taxi Drivers' Association regarding any matters concerning taxis and Steve Wright as Chair of the Licensed Private Hire Car Association regarding any matters concerning private hire vehicles.

02/03/10 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 November 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

03/03/10 Matters Arising and Actions List

David Brown said that Group Marketing was currently improving the access to information on the TfL website concerning orbital bus services and continued to liaise with Surface Transport on this matter.

David Brown reported that a new online bus tool had been launched in February to provide passengers with access to detailed information about local bus services in London. Members were pleased to note this development and also congratulated officers on the journey planner service.

David Brown confirmed that since the last meeting of the Panel, the Mayor had been briefed on the options for Dial-a-Ride and Door to Door services and the London Assembly's Transport Committee had considered Door to Door Transport Services at its meeting held on 2 March. Work continued with London Councils and the NHS and the Panel would be updated on progress later in the year.

The Panel noted the actions list.

04/03/10 Managing Director's Report

David Brown introduced the report and drew the Panel's attention to the main key performance indicators. He also reported that for period 11, following the fare rise, there had been a two per cent rise in patronage. This was a positive outcome following the rise in fares and the Panel noted that London's bus fares continued to offer value for money, particularly in comparison to other parts of the country.

The Committee noted that the design of the New Bus for London was close to being finalised and congratulated Surface Transport on the good progress.

Discussions continued with some boroughs over the exact location of Cycle Hire Scheme sites. It was hoped that these discussions would soon be concluded.

Good progress was being made with the Blackwall Tunnel project, but the process continued to be modified for greater efficiency. To serve the O2 Arena better, there were no tunnel closures on Saturday nights and increased taxi marshalling at the venue.

With regards to PHV licensing, work continued on an electronic system which would increase efficiency and reduce cost. It was hoped that this system would be operational by summer 2010.

The Panel noted the report.

05/03/10 TfL Road Network Highway Enforcement

David Brown introduced the report which gave an update following the submission of a paper to the Panel in July 2009, reporting on the outcome of the six month trial of delegation of certain TfL enforcement powers to the London Borough of Wandsworth. The trial had concluded that effective enforcement on the TfL Road Network (TLRN) could be carried out using existing Local Authority powers and, therefore, the delegated powers had not been used. TfL would support a multi-agency approach to

enforcement on targeted sections of the TLRN but there would be no TfL budget in future years to fund London Boroughs in routine enforcement activities.

The Panel noted the report.

06/03/10 Community Safety, Enforcement and Policing Update

David Brown introduced the report which gave an update on crime levels on the transport network and progress made against key Mayoral and TfL priorities. An holistic approach involving Safer Transport Teams (STTs) and the bus operators had seen the crime rate drop by nearly 50 per cent since its peak in 2005/06. While there had been a slight increase in the figures for sexual offences, it was likely that this was due to increased reporting. Improved reporting and more visible policing had resulted in better collection of data allowing STTs to increasingly be more effective.

Members were pleased to note the good performance.

The Panel noted the report.

07/03/10 River Thames Improvements

David Brown introduced the report which gave an update on TfL's river passenger activity in support of the Mayor's River Passenger Services Concordat Working Group. The Panel noted the 12 million passengers per annum target and suggested that further consideration be given to how the service is marketed to tourists.

The Committee noted that despite the claim in the '*At a Rate of Knots*' report, the level of TfL's subsidy of river services during the morning peak was in fact higher than that given to buses.

The Panel noted the plans to develop Tower Pier and improve infrastructure and signage.

The Panel noted the report.

08/03/10 Any Other Business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.40pm.

The next scheduled meeting would be held on Wednesday 19 May 2010 at 10.00am.

Chair: _____

Date: _____