

Transport for London

Minutes of the Meeting

Committee Rooms 4-5, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London
10.00am, Wednesday 23 June 2010

Members

Boris Johnson	Chairman
Daniel Moylan	Deputy Chairman
Claudia Arney	Member
Charles Belcher	Member
Sir Mike Hodgkinson	Member
Judith Hunt	Member
Eva Lindholm	Member
Bob Oddy	Member
Kulveer Ranger	Member
Tony West	Member
Keith Williams	Member
Steve Wright	Member

Staff

Steve Allen	Managing Director, Finance
David Brown	Managing Director, Surface Transport
Ian Brown	Managing Director, London Rail
Mike Brown	Managing Director, London Underground
Howard Carter	General Counsel
Stephen Critchley	Chief Finance Officer
Michèle Dix	Managing Director, Planning
Vernon Everitt	Managing Director, Marketing and Communications
Peter Hendy	Commissioner
Ellen Howard	Director of Corporate Governance
John Mason	Director, Taxi and Private Hire (for part)
Terry Morgan	Non Executive Chairman, Crossrail
Clive Walker	Interim Director of Internal Audit
Shamus Kenny	Head of Secretariat

35/06/10 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence had been received from Peter Anderson, Christopher Garnett, Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson, Steven Norris and Patrick O'Keeffe.

The following interests were declared: Daniel Moylan as Deputy Leader of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, a director of the London Transport Museum and Chairman of Urban Design London; Sir Mike Hodgkinson as a non-executive director of Crossrail Limited; Bob Oddy on taxi related issues; Tony West as a member of Bexley Council's Public Transport Advisory Group; and Steve Wright on matters relating to private hire vehicles.

36/06/10 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 March 2010**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

37/06/10 **Matters Arising and Actions List**

The Actions List was noted.

38/06/10 **Commissioner's Report**

The Commissioner introduced his report, which provided an overview of major issues and developments since the last meeting on 24 March 2010 and updated Members on significant projects and initiatives.

The Commissioner advised that the RMT was proposing to commence a strike against Tube Lines on the evening of 23 June 2010. While it was hoped that the strike would not occur, contingency measures were being put in place to minimise the impact on the travelling public.

The Commissioner drew the Board's attention to the ongoing development work on the East London Line Phase 2. Given the route and its importance to South London, the Board endorsed the Mayor's proposal to rename the project the New South London Line.

It was noted that TfL had surrendered its lease in the Shard. This and the other actions taken to rationalise TfL's accommodation would substantially contribute to TfL's efficiency programme.

The Commissioner advised that TfL, as part of its Digital Communications strategy, had lifted the commercial restrictions on the use of the raw data it offered to the developers of products such as applications for mobile phones. This would stimulate the market and provide the incentive for the development of new and innovative travel information for customers. TfL would continue to provide real-time travel information through TfL's on-line 'Travel Tools' service and through syndication of travel information to media outlets and its existing licensing arrangements.

Service performance for London Overground had continued to improve. The National Passenger Survey of Britain's rail passengers, published on 22 June 2010, showed that London Overground's new trains had contributed to an unprecedented 20 percentage points increase in passenger satisfaction with the upkeep and repair of the railway.

The Commissioner advised that a trial of new Pedestrian Countdown technology had begun on 21 June 2010. During the 18 month trial, the first of its kind in England, numerical countdown displays would be installed on traffic signals at eight junctions across London. The display will count down the blackout period between the green man symbol going out and the red man phase beginning, giving pedestrians a clear idea of how much time they have left to safely cross the road. The new system is also designed to smooth traffic flow by allowing any unused crossing time to be reallocated back to road users, freeing up more time and helping to reduce stop-start traffic.

The Board noted the Commissioner's report.

39/06/10 Operational and Financial Performance and Investment Programme Reports – Fourth Quarter 2009/10

Steve Allen introduced the Operational and Financial Performance and Investment Programme Reports for the fourth quarter of 2009/10 (13 December 2009-31 March 2010). The reports had been considered by the Finance and Policy Committee at its meeting on 9 June 2010.

The Operational and Financial Performance Report showed that there were continued signs of recovery in passenger demand from the decline in numbers in early 2009/10. Significant efficiencies had been driven out across TfL, with all modes meeting or exceeding their efficiencies targets during the year, realising total gross savings of £306m, £54m above plan.

The Investment Programme Report showed net capital expenditure of £104m lower than budget, which reflected revised phasing of expenditure in London Underground and Surface Transport. This was partly offset by additional costs and rephasing in London Rail and the early termination of the Prestige contract. Crossrail was £49m lower than budget for the year, mainly due to rephasing of delivery works, partly offset by revised timing of property acquisitions.

Members commended TfL on achieving these savings and efficiencies against a backdrop of continued good operational delivery. The Mayor was arguing the case for the Government to preserve TfL's financial settlement in its entirety given TfL's continuing efficiency savings programme.

The report was noted.

40/06/10 Leicester Square Fixed Fare Scheme

David Brown introduced the report, which proposed changes to the Leicester Square fixed fare scheme. The scheme had been approved by the Board in February 2010 but had not yet been implemented, following further consultation with the taxi trade. The Finance and Policy Committee had considered the issue at its meeting on 9 June 2010 and supported the recommendation.

The Board:

- 1 approved an increase to the Leicester Square fixed fare for journeys up to three miles from £15 to £20; and**
- 2 delegated authority to the Commissioner, and in his absence the Managing Director, Surface Transport, to make changes to the Leicester Square fixed fare scheme as follows:**
 - (a) amendment of the hours of operation of the scheme between the hours of 10pm and 6am as appropriate to provide additional safer travel at night options;**

- (b) amendment of the fares specified for each zone to increase or decrease the price to maintain the balance between value for money for passengers and a fair price for taxi drivers to encourage participation in the scheme; and
- (c) amendment of one or more of the four zone boundaries to ensure the balance between value for money for passengers and a fair price for taxi drivers is maintained should the existing zone boundaries not be adequate for the fixed prices.

41/06/10 TfL's Response to the Mayor's Air Quality Strategy Public Draft Consultation

Michèle Dix introduced the report, which set out TfL's draft response to the Mayor's Air Quality Strategy public draft consultation.

The Board approved the response from TfL on the Mayor's Air Quality Strategy public draft consultation, set out in the Appendix to the report.

42/06/10 Tube Lines Post-Acquisition Governance

Howard Carter introduced the report, which outlined the proposed post-acquisition organisation of the companies being acquired and the high level governance arrangements, including proposals relating to amendments to TfL's Standing Orders to reflect Tube Lines becoming a TfL Group company. Shares from various Tube Lines companies would be transferred to the TfL Group, with Tube Lines (Holdings) Limited becoming a subsidiary of Transport Trading Limited. Members were advised of a correction to the report, which should have shown Tube Lines Pension Scheme Trustees Limited as a subsidiary of Tube Lines Limited.

The Board noted the report and:

- 1 approved the transfer of shares in Tube Lines (Holdings) Limited from UIC Transport (JNP) Limited to Transport Trading Limited and the dissolution of UIC Transport (JNP) Limited in due course;**
- 2 approved the transfer of the shares in Tube Lines (Finance) plc from Tube Lines (Holdings) Limited to Transport Trading Limited;**
- 3 approved the proposals for amendment of TfL's Standing Orders as described in the report;**
- 4 authorised General Counsel to make the necessary changes to TfL Standing Orders to give effect to the amendments described in the report; and**
- 5 approved the dissolution of the Special Purpose Committee upon completion of the acquisition of Tube Lines.**

43/06/10 Implementation of the Review of Committees and Panels

Howard Carter introduced the report, which updated Members on developments since the Review of the Committees and Panels undertaken by the Deputy Chairman, Daniel Moylan last summer and proposed further changes.

The Board noted the report and approved the changes to Standing Orders and other practices as set out in the report.

44/06/10 Appointments to the Committees and Panels

Howard Carter introduced the report, which proposed the appointment of Members to the Committees and Panels to take effect from 1 July 2010.

The Board approved the proposed appointments as set out in the report to take effect from 1 July 2010.

45/06/10 Report from the Meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee – 9 June 2010

The Deputy Chairman of the Committee, Daniel Moylan, gave an update to the Board on the meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee held on 9 June 2010.

The report was noted.

46/06/10 Report from the Meeting of the Audit Committee – 15 June 2010

The Chair of the Committee, Judith Hunt, gave an update to the Board on the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 15 June 2010. Guidance on Members' Interests had been reviewed by the Committee and subsequently sent to all Members.

The report was noted.

47/06/10 Any Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.00am.

The next scheduled meeting would be held on Wednesday 21 July 2010 at 10.00am.

Chair: _____

Date: _____