

Transport for London

Minutes of the Surface Transport Panel

**Boardroom, 14th Floor Windsor House
10.00am, Tuesday 23 April 2013**

Members

Baroness Grey-Thompson	Chair
Charles Belcher	Vice Chair
Brian Cooke	Panel Member
Bob Oddy	Panel Member
Steve Wright	Panel Member

Staff

Howard Carter	General Counsel
Leon Daniels	Managing Director, Surface Transport
David Hendry	Director of Finance, Surface Transport
Sue Riley	Secretariat Officer

10/04/13 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence had been received from Keith Williams and Steve Allen.

Baroness Grey-Thompson declared an interest as a member of the London Legacy Development Corporation. Bob Oddy declared an interest as Deputy General Secretary of the Licensed Taxi Drivers' Association regarding any matters concerning taxis. Steve Wright declared an interest as Chair of the Licensed Private Hire Car Association regarding any matters concerning private hire vehicles.

11/04/13 Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 February 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

12/04/13 Matters Arising and Actions List

Leon Daniels advised the Panel that he would submit a report to a future meeting on fare evasion. **[Action: Leon Daniels]**

Members requested a more detailed breakdown of the 115 arrests made as part of Operation STAN (Safer Travel at Night Campaign). **[Action: Leon Daniels]**

The Panel noted the actions list.

13/04/13 Managing Director's Report

Leon Daniels presented the report, which updated the Panel on Surface Transport's performance for Period 12 (2 February 2013 – 2 March 2013) and provided an overview of recent major issues and developments within Surface Transport.

It was reported that the slight decline in bus passenger numbers was being analysed by Surface Transport.

The management by Marine Briggs of the Woolwich Ferry had led to an improved service. The Putney to Blackfriars river service was also proving popular and running at full capacity.

In relation to the recent acquisition of The London Taxi Company by Geely, TfL was engaged in discussions to encourage a reduction of carbon emissions and the production of cleaner taxi vehicles.

Cycling continued to grow and the Mayor was committed to supporting this growth in popularity.

The introduction of the Lane Rental Scheme had led to a 32 per cent reduction in unplanned disruption of the road network, compared to last year. Members sought clarification as to the differing categories of Unplanned Utility Works, Highway Authority Emergency Works and Utility Emergency Works.

[Action Garrett Emmerson]

Further information was also requested as to the recovery period, following unplanned disruption from special events.

[Action: Garrett Emmerson]

It was agreed that Leon Daniels, Garrett Emmerson and Steve Wright would discuss in more detail the issues raised by the recent Law Commission review of taxi and private hire services in England and Wales, outside of the meeting.

[Action: Leon Daniels/Garrett Emmerson]

Steve Wright suggested that TfL seek customer feedback on the level and quality of service provided at taxi and private hire licensing depots.

[Action: Leon Daniels]

Leon Daniels confirmed that a contract had been signed with Wrightbus for the production of 600 New Bus for London vehicles.

The Panel noted the report.

14/04/13 London Taxicard Scheme

David Hendry introduced the paper, which informed the Panel of how the Taxicard scheme was operated, managed and funded.

The Panel noted the decline in usage of the scheme and the need for an improved, more integrated service with Dial-A-Ride. It was agreed that Members be provided with a more detailed breakdown of the usage figures and the split between taxi and private hire. **[Action: David Hendry]**

The Panel noted the current developments and management arrangements in relation to the London Taxicard Scheme.

15/04/13 Any Other Business

It was suggested that future Surface Transport Panel meetings be held at Palestra. Howard Carter confirmed that this would happen.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.55am.

The next scheduled meeting would be held on Wednesday 10 July 2013

Chair: _____

Date: _____