

Transport for London

Minutes of the Surface Transport Panel

**Boardroom, 14th Floor Windsor House
10.00am, Wednesday 14 November 2012**

Members

Baroness Grey-Thompson	Chair
Charles Belcher	Vice Chair
Bob Oddy	Panel Member
Patrick O'Keeffe	Panel Member
Steve Wright	Panel Member

In Attendance

Brian Cooke	Board Member (designate)
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Staff

Steve Allen	Managing Director, Finance
Howard Carter	General Counsel
Leon Daniels	Managing Director, Surface Transport
Garrett Emmerson	Chief Operating Officer, Streets, Surface Transport
Emma Osborne	Principal, Surface Transport
Horatio Chishimba	Secretariat Officer

17/11/12 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

The Chair and Panel Members welcomed Brian Cooke to the meeting. Brian would be joining the Board in January 2013.

Apologies for absence had been received from Keith Williams.

Baroness 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 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.

18/11/12 Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 July 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

19/11/12 Matters Arising and Actions List

The Panel noted the actions list.

20/11/12 Managing Director's Report

Leon Daniels presented the report which updated the Panel on Surface Transport's performance for Periods 3 to 7 (27 May – 13 October 2012) and provided an overview of recent major issues and developments within Surface Transport.

Leon Daniels reported that Surface Transport was working hard to improve journeys for wheelchair and mobility scooter users and other bus passengers with accessibility needs. Initiatives included revised guidance for bus drivers and a publicity campaign, which would launch on 19 November 2012.

The Panel noted that two purely electric buses would be introduced to Routes 507 and 521 in summer 2013 and that inductive technology was starting to become more attractive as a way of prolonging battery life of vehicles.

Patrick O'Keeffe welcomed the latest figures on the Teen Road Safety Campaign, published by TfL earlier in the year. These revealed that road casualties among teenagers in the capital had fallen by two thirds over the last 10 years. Patrick O'Keeffe would be provided with a breakdown of the data, which would include the age profile of casualties. **[Action: Ben Plowden]**

The second phase of the annual Safer Travel at Night Campaign (STaN) would go live on 19 November 2012, building on the success of the first phase which started at the end of September 2012. The Panel noted the number of arrests made for minicab touting. The Panel would be provided with further statistics on the effectiveness of the STaN campaign. **[Action: Steve Burton]**

The Panel discussed capacity on night buses. Leon Daniels said that service patterns were altered where possible to reflect demand but he would look again to see if more could be done.

An innovative green wall had been installed at the Mermaid Theatre in Blackfriars to help reduce harmful pollution. Green walls, which had a localised worthwhile contribution, were a part of a package of targeted short term measures TfL was introducing at places where PM₁₀ levels were at their highest. TfL was in discussions with businesses and would work with universities on further research on the benefits of green walls. More details would be contained in the Business Plan when it was published.

At its meeting on 7 November 2012, the Board had requested additional information in relation to the number of vehicles seized and returned under Operation Cubo. The Panel agreed that 'seizure' of vehicles was misleading as it implied permanent removals. Future references to this initiative would be reworded.

The Panel noted the progress of the work to improve facilities for pedestrians and cyclists in Tottenham Hale and the large number of stakeholders involved. Leon Daniels confirmed that there would soon be some outputs from the Mayor's Roads Task Force for discussion at future meetings. An update on Pedestrian Countdown, including lessons from trials, would be provided to the next meeting of the Panel.

[Action: Garrett Emmerson]

Members noted the successful operation of Dial-a-Ride during the Games, with around 4,000 more trips that targeted.

The Panel praised the Travel Ambassadors and all operational staff for their friendly, knowledgeable and efficient service during the Games.

The Panel noted the report.

21/11/12 Any Other Business

The Chair noted that this was the last meeting of the Surface Transport Panel that Patrick O'Keeffe would attend, as he would leave the Board at the end of December 2012. Members thanked Patrick O'Keeffe for his service to the Surface Transport Panel.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.05am.

The next scheduled meeting would be held on Tuesday 26 February 2013.

Chair: _____

Date: _____