

Transport for London

Surface Transport Panel

Subject: Methods To Attain Additional Data Concerning Collisions Involving Pedicabs

Date: 3 July 2012

1 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to inform the Panel of the current situation with regard to police reporting data for Pedicab incidents and for future reporting of Pedicab injuries.
- 1.2 The Panel is asked to note the paper.

2 Background

- 2.1 It is estimated that there are over 900 Pedicabs in operation in London, although it is difficult to obtain a reliable and accurate number due to the absence of licensing figures.
- 2.2 At the meeting of the Panel on Wednesday 8 February 2012, Members considered the validation and reporting of pedicab collisions and requested that a paper be brought to a future meeting to outline the potential use of admission data held by hospitals to determine whether pedicab collision data could be reported separately.
- 2.3 This paper outlines:
 - (a) the current situation with regard to police reporting data and functionality for searching for pedicab incidents;
 - (b) the potential use of hospital admission data to record pedicab injuries; and
 - (c) a recommendation for future reporting of pedicab injuries.

3 Stats19 Reporting forms

- 3.1 The police use a standard form approved by the Department for Transport (DfT) to report road collisions called 'STATS19', which is made up of 16-20 pages of tick boxes to record relevant information. The form is used by the police to record the nature of collisions, and the vehicle type(s) involved. The

form does not currently include a tick box for specifically recording pedicab collisions.

- 3.2 TfL recently requested that the DfT add a pedicab tick box to the form to allow for improved recording of pedicab collisions. Despite making the case that pedicabs are appearing in more towns and cities across the UK, the DfT has declined the request on the grounds of limited geographical coverage and limited numbers of these types of collisions.
- 3.3 As an alternative means of improving data collection about pedicab collisions, the Metropolitan Police has agreed to ensure they will always note the involvement of a pedicab in collision records relating to London.

4 Hospital Episode Statistics Data

- 4.1 TfL has researched whether Hospital Episode Statistics data (HES data) could be interrogated to show London hospital Accident and Emergency (A&E) records where pedicab injuries occur. Unfortunately, the forms used in A&E departments to record HES data do not include sufficient information about the cause of incidents to allow for any interrogation of the data set to determine the number of collisions involving pedicabs.

5 Summary

- 5.1 As the DfT has rejected TfL's suggestion to add a pedicab tick box to the police's national collision recording form on the grounds of limited national relevance, the Metropolitan Police have agreed to make a note of incidents involving pedicabs in London, which will inform TfL's work in future.
- 5.2 In response to the Panel's request to identify whether HES data could be used to more accurately report pedicab injuries, it is considered that this data is not an appropriate record.

6 Recommendation

- 6.1 The Panel is asked to NOTE the paper.

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