

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON

BOARD

**SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO THE MAYOR'S TRANSPORT STRATEGY
PUBLIC DRAFT**

DATE: 10 DECEMBER 2009

1 PURPOSE AND DECISION REQUIRED

1.1 This paper seeks the Board's approval to issue the attached draft response to the Mayor's Transport Strategy (MTS) Public Draft and to update the Board on the process for publication of the MTS in spring 2010.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Mayor's Transport Strategy (MTS) was published for consultation with the public on 12 October 2009. The consultation period ends on 12 January 2010.

2.2 The Board has been consulted through each stage of the development of MTS and was issued with a draft of the document for review in August, prior to submission to the Mayor for approval and publication.

2.3 In addition to the response TfL made to the Assembly and Functional Body consultation, TfL wishes to make further comments in relation to the public consultation version. Appendix 1 contains a draft response that would be sent from the Commissioner to the Mayor.

2.4 Following any update required as a result of the public consultation, it is intended that Members be given an opportunity to comment on the MTS prior to submission to the Mayor for approval and publication.

3 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

3.1 The public consultation for the MTS is taking place alongside the consultations for the London Plan and Economic Development Strategy under the campaign banner "Help Shape London's Future".

3.2 Just ahead of the launch on 12 October 2009, the Chair of the Assembly was given a statement setting out how Assembly comments on the MTS Assembly and Functional Bodies Draft (MTS Statement of Intent, SOI) had been dealt with.

3.3 Copies of the MTS have been sent to the Assembly and Boroughs and other key stakeholders have been informed. A series of meetings with key stakeholders is also taking place during the consultation process.

3.4 The advertising campaign directs the public to a website <http://www.london.gov.uk/shaping-london/> or a telephone helpline to receive a leaflet or to go to a roadshow. The MTS, Report to the Mayor (SOI consultation report), Integrated Impact Assessment, Statement to the Chair of the Assembly, Economic Evidence base and MTS SOI are all available on the website.

3.5 A series of 21 road shows across London has started and these are set out in the table below:

Region	Venue				
Central	Kensington 6 November	Liverpool Street 18 November	Westminster 30 November	City Hall 7 December	
North	Wood Green 2 November	Brent Cross 19 November	Leytonstone 20 November	Islington 25 November	Mill Hill 3 December
South	Bromley 30 October	Croydon 11 November	Sutton 24 November	Clapham 4 December	
East	Romford 22 October	Bexleyheath 26 October	Stratford 9 November	Canary Wharf 13 November	
West	Hounslow 23 October	Ealing 5 November	Harrow 16 November	Shepherds Bush 27 November	

4 FINAL MTS PROGRAMME

4.1 The timetable to finalise the MTS is set out below:

- 12 January 2010 – Close of Consultation on the Public Draft MTS
- 3 February 2010 – TfL Board update on consultation responses
- 29 March 2010 – The Final MTS issued for Mayoral Approval
- By 12 April 2010 – Mayoral approval to publish the final MTS
- 30 April 2010 – Ready to publish the Final MTS

4.2 Publication for post local elections planned for 6 May 2010 may be considered necessary, however, any delay in publication of the MTS beyond a few days of this would impact on the LEZ phase 3 programme.

4.3 To defer LEZ phase 3 as set out in the public draft of the MTS requires a further consultation to vary the scheme order. This programme is critical as the current order is for the introduction of phase 3 in October 2010. Also, if LEZ phase 3 is to be deferred to 2012, as much notice as possible should be given by an early consultation. Counsel advice is being sought on the detail of the LEZ programme.

4.4 The MTS public consultation invites the public and stakeholders to comment on the principle of removing the Western Extension Zone (WEZ) of the central London congestion charging scheme. The Mayor will take into account the points raised by the public and stakeholders when deciding whether to confirm this proposal.

4.5 If he does, then a further consultation on a variation to the Congestion Charging Scheme Order to remove the WEZ is required. This cannot be started until the MTS is finalised. The removal of WEZ is planned by December 2010.

5 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 The Board is asked to NOTE the contents of this paper and to give in principle APPROVAL to the response to the consultation contained in the appendix.

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Date

Dear

Mayor's Transport Strategy Public Draft

Thank you for providing Transport for London (TfL) an opportunity to comment on the draft Mayor's Transport Strategy (MTS). In addition to the response TfL made to the Assembly and Functional Body consultation, TfL wishes to make further comments in relation to the public consultation version.

TfL has been working closely with your advisers to develop the policies and proposals in the Public Draft, in line with the goals set out in the MTS Statement of Intent document.

TfL has also been working closely with the GLA and London Development Agency (LDA) to ensure that the emerging policies and proposals in the MTS are consistent with and support the London Plan and Economic Development Strategy (EDS).

The TfL Board has previously considered the MTS Public Draft and therefore TfL is fully supportive of the broad policies contained within it, such as emphasising the need to provide more transport capacity and connectivity to support London's growth, particularly in Outer London, and the importance of linking land use and transport planning, committing to significant reductions in land based transport CO₂ emissions and air quality improvements, and seeking improvements in a variety of modes of transport, including the rail network, the Underground, the bus network, walking and cycling.

TfL recognises that the MTS is ambitious in seeking to meet the six goals set out in the Public Draft:

- Supporting economic development and population growth
- Enhancing the quality of life for all Londoners
- Improving the safety and security of all Londoners
- Improving transport opportunities for all Londoners
- Reducing transport's contribution to climate change, and improving its resilience
- Supporting delivery of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and its legacy

TfL's Business Plan has been structured around the six goals of the MTS, showing clearly how TfL will deliver its contribution towards the MTS over the period to 2018. TfL has made substantial efficiency savings in order to be able to deliver its contribution to the strategy within the funding settlement agreed with Government. The Business Plan will deliver essential components of the MTS in the immediate term, such as the Tube upgrades and Crossrail, and proposals for a revolution in walking and cycling.

TfL is of course also committed to working with boroughs and other partners as agreed in the London City Charter, for example through a simplified and less bureaucratic Local Implementation Plan process.

The predicted financial environment and availability of funding will inevitably influence the rate of implementation of the MTS policies and proposals beyond 2018. As a long term strategy for transport in London, it is important that the MTS reflects the scale of growth planned in the London Plan and identifies the challenges this presents and the solutions necessary to support its delivery.

Longer term elements of the MTS required to support growth are currently unfunded but TfL will continue to work with the DfT and other stakeholders and continue to make the business case for further funding, in particular the HLOS process for 2014-19, in order to continue to support the London Plan.

TfL looks forward to working with you and your advisers, the GLA London Plan team, LDA and others to ensure that consultation responses from the public and stakeholders are given due consideration, that the final versions of the MTS, London Plan and EDS remain fully consistent, and that the MTS provides the policy framework to help deliver your vision for London.

Yours sincerely

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