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Harrow to benefit from £3.2m funding for local transport improvements for 2005/06

Mayor of London announces record five-year investment to improve journeys from ‘the moment Londoners leave their front door’

The Mayor of London announced today that the London Borough of Harrow will receive £3.2m of funding from Transport for London (TfL) to tackle a range of issues from reducing road casualties to supporting town centre regeneration.

The grant is part of £155m awarded to London boroughs for transport improvements in 2005/06, the first of five-years of sustained local transport investment totalling a record £758m.

The settlement will include funding for borough-wide improvements to cycling and walking facilities, and safer routes to schools as well as road safety, road renewal, environment and town-centre schemes.

Speaking at City Hall, the Mayor said:

“My aim is to improve the journeys we all make every day, whether it’s a short walk to the local shop or bus stop or a bike ride to local stations and schools. We’re working with the boroughs to provide every Londoner with safer, more accessible trips from the moment they leave their front door”.

“Funding for borough transport schemes has now increased every year since 2000. The ground-breaking funding deal with the Government now means that TfL can provide a sustained package for local transport improvements across London”.

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Based on an annual Borough Spending Plan (BSP) bid submitted by the London Borough of Harrow, the 2005/06 settlement will include funding for key local schemes aimed at:

- Reducing social exclusion - £596,000 for walking and cycling schemes
- Supporting economic regeneration – via the West London Transport Strategy (WLTS) partnership, £450,000 of continued funding for Harrow Town Centre; £142,000 for South Harrow-Northolt Road Streets for People scheme; continued funding of £175,000 for Rayners Lane Streets for People scheme;
- Reducing road casualties – £675,000 for road safety schemes;
- Tackling the school run – £270,000 for Safer Routes to School schemes.

Bob Kiley, London's Transport Commissioner said:

“London thrives because of the diversity and dynamism of its local communities. It is important not to forget that over half of all journeys made in London are local trips and under 2km in length. These local trips are as important, if not more so, than major transport projects that often grab the headlines.

“By making it easier and safer to travel on foot, by bike or by bus, we can make a huge difference to the local environment, to social inclusion, to the vitality of local town centres and perhaps most importantly, reducing the number of deaths and injuries on our roads.

“I am pleased to announce TfL's comprehensive Business Plan means a commitment of over £758m of funding to the Borough Spending Plan programme over the next five years”.

The BSP settlement follows the recent announcement of the TfL 5 Year Investment Programme under which Harrow will also benefit from:

- a new package of improvements for Silverlink Metro services including station and security enhancements such as better CCTV and lighting, graffiti cleaning and the extension of station staffing hours providing a greater presence early in the morning and later at night.

TfL will make a further investment of £239m over the plan period in the Transport for London Principal Road Network (TLRN), the major London roads run by TfL.

Notes to editors

Highlights of the £155m 2005/6 BSP spending allocations include:

- Increased funding for walking from £3m to £4.9m and for cycling from £8.5m to £12.1m;
- Increased road safety funding from £21.2m to £28.7m;
- Increased funding for station access, town centres and Streets for People from £16.8m to £18.7m;
- Increased funding for Safer Routes to School and Travel Awareness from £8.2m to £10.3m;
- Increased funding for mitigating environmental impacts of transport up from £1m to £1.5m.

Partnership organisations receiving 2005/06 BSP funding:

- The West London Transport Strategy (WLTS) is a mixed public - private sector partnership that works to improve local transport. Its membership includes the London boroughs of Brent, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, Hillingdon and Hounslow.

TABLES

- **Harrow 2005/06 BSP allocations by programme**

Note: boroughs do not automatically apply for funding under every BSP programme whilst TfL does not necessarily award funding under each programme.

BSP programme 2005/06	Allocation (£)
Principal Road Renewal	952,000
Bridge strengthening	-
Local Safety Schemes	325,000
20mph Zones	200,000
Education, Training and Publicity	150,000
Walking	200,000
London Cycle Network+	361,000
Non – London Cycle Network+	35,000
Bus Stop Accessibility	110,000
Bus Priority	215,000

Town Centres	-
Streets-for-people	175,000
Interchanges	89,000
Safer Routes to School	270,000
Travel Awareness	45,000
Freight	20,000
Regeneration Area Schemes	5,000
Air Quality	30,000
Controlled Parking Zones	25,000
Local Area Accessibility	56,000
Total	3,263,000

- **Total figures for 2005/06 BSP funding over the term of the TfL 5-Year Investment Programme**

							Total
							05/06-
£m	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	09/10
Total	147	155	150	151	150	152	758

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