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### **Lewisham to benefit from £2.8m 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 Lewisham will receive £2.8m 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 Lewisham, the 2005/06 settlement will include funding for key local schemes aimed at:

- Reducing social exclusion - £329,000 for walking & cycling schemes;
- Supporting economic regeneration – £120,000 for Lea Green Town Centre scheme;
- Reducing road casualties – £1,008,000 for Local Safety schemes;
- Tackling the school run – £320,000 for safer routes to schools in the borough.

Additional funding has also been awarded to partnership organisations of which Lewisham is a member including South East London Transport Strategy (SELTRANS), further contributing to the reduction of social exclusion through:

- £100,000 for a station access scheme at Deptford Station.

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 Lewisham will benefit from:

- The East London Line Project will be extended south to Crystal Palace and West Croydon and north to Dalston Junction by 2010 in good time for the Olympic Games;
- The planned upgrade to 3-car trains to be introduced by late 2009 on the DLR between Bank and Lewisham, increasing peak capacity on this link by 30% and helping to meet future demand.

TfL is also making 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**

- South East London Transport Strategy (SELTRANS) was established in 1998 with the principle objective of improving London’s transport integration and is a London sub-regional partnership between the seven southeast London boroughs of Bexley, Bromley, Croydon, Greenwich, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark, transport providers and operators, and groups representing the interests of businesses and passengers.

**TABLES**

- **Lewisham 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.

<b>BSP programme 2005/06</b>	<b>Allocation (£)</b>
<b>Principal Road Renewal</b>	<b>400,000</b>
<b>Bridge strengthening</b>	<b>76,000</b>
<b>Local Safety Schemes</b>	<b>370,000</b>
<b>20mph Zones</b>	<b>600,000</b>
<b>Education, Training and Publicity</b>	<b>38,000</b>

<b>Walking</b>	<b>50,000</b>
<b>London Cycle Network+</b>	<b>214,000</b>
<b>Non - London Cycle Network+</b>	<b>65,000</b>
<b>Traffic Signals</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Bus Stop Accessibility</b>	<b>120,000</b>
<b>Bus Priority</b>	<b>292,000</b>
<b>Town Centres</b>	<b>120,000</b>
<b>Streets-for-people</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Interchanges</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Safer Routes to School</b>	<b>320,000</b>
<b>Travel Awareness</b>	<b>30,000</b>
<b>Freight</b>	<b>20,000</b>
<b>Regeneration Area Schemes</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Air Quality</b>	<b>45,000</b>
<b>Controlled Parking Zones</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Local Area Accessibility</b>	<b>65,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,825,000</b>

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

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

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