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### **Westminster to benefit from £4.7m 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 City of Westminster will receive £4.7m 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 City of Westminster, the 2005/06 settlement will include funding for key local schemes aimed at:

- Reducing social exclusion - £589,000 allocated to walking and cycling schemes and £1.5m for the Paddington LTVA Station Access scheme;
- Supporting economic regeneration – £1m allocated to road renewal and bridge strengthening improvements;
- Reducing road casualties – £1m allocated to road safety schemes;
- Tackling the school run – £100,000 allocated to Safer Routes to Schools.

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 Westminster 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.

**TABLES**

- **Westminster 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>982k</b>
<b>Bridge strengthening</b>	<b>110k</b>
<b>Local Safety Schemes</b>	<b>1,007k</b>
<b>20mph Zones</b>	-
<b>Education, Training and Publicity</b>	-
<b>Walking</b>	<b>200k</b>
<b>London Cycle Network+</b>	<b>294k</b>
<b>Non - London Cycle Network+</b>	<b>95k</b>
<b>Bus Stop Accessibility</b>	<b>100k</b>
<b>Bus Priority</b>	<b>210k</b>
<b>Town Centres</b>	-
<b>Streets-for-people</b>	<b>110k</b>
<b>Interchanges</b>	<b>1,500k</b>
<b>Safer Routes to School</b>	<b>100k</b>
<b>Travel</b>	

<b>Awareness</b>	<b>27k</b>
<b>Freight</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Regeneration Area Schemes</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Air Quality</b>	<b>7k</b>
<b>Controlled Parking Zones</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Local Area Accessibility</b>	<b>20k</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,762,000</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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