

ACTIVE TRAVEL OVERSIGHT GROUP

MONDAY 8 JUNE 2020

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair summarised paperwork sent before the meeting and it was AGREED that given Cllr Loakes' position at LB Waltham Forest that for this and future meetings he should receive only summary composite information about borough bids and not have access to information about bids by individual boroughs.

All decisions on the funding or otherwise of bids by would be taken in a separate meeting without Cllr Loakes and in line with TfL governance.

2. Summary programme performance

TfL provided an update on progress with works and bids received since the last meeting. NOTED that there had been a small number of cases of works causing network impact as a result of which TfL had written to boroughs. Cllr Loakes agreed to echo this message through London Councils. AGREED that future TfL communications to boroughs needed to include contact details of those they should contact for advice, guidance and approvals.

ACTION: CL to write to boroughs before TEC on Thursday using information TfL (AW) provides.

Brief discussion on how best to understand benefits of work being delivered. TfL actively working on this using feedback from customers and metrics. NOTED that it would be useful to have a clearly expressed delivery timeline.

ACTION: TfL to develop delivery timeline and include in papers for a future meeting.

3. Finance summary

TfL and DfT gave summary updates of the financial position in relation to their respective funds. NOTED that DfT had received bids from all 33 boroughs for a share of the first £5m tranche of the Active Travel fund. Those bids had been shared with TfL, who were better placed to assess the detail. AGREED that overall appraisal of the bids would be brought back to the Group for a view before being submitted to Ministers for final approval next week.

ACTION: TfL to include item on AT fund tranche 1 bid assessment on agenda for Group meeting on 15 June.

In further discussion, it was AGREED that continuing separate processes for allocation of money to boroughs from two places was suboptimal and that all needed to work to bring them together over time. In principal breakdown of funding. Will change as get borough bids. £10m of TLRN led interventions, will change over time.

4. Borough-Led Progress

The Group discussed status of bids for borough funding. It was NOTED that allocation thus far was slanted towards strategic cycling routes as these were oven ready schemes – but will even out over time as more LTN, school streets and town centre schemes are funded.

Five more boroughs had submitted bids since the Group's previous meeting and the proposed tranche 3 allocation would add strongly to the forward programme already in place. At the current rate of bidding, more on top of the £45m could be spent if it were available.

It was AGREED that irrespective of the pace needed to get schemes in place, their impact on the network should always be understood.

ACTION: TfL to arrange mini-summit with boroughs and representatives of the emergency services to work through what good looks like. CL to provide support via LB Waltham Forest.

AGREED that the benefits of Streetspace/Active Travel schemes would best achieved if all boroughs were able to participate.

ACTION: TfL to ask key boroughs who have not yet submitted a bid to be asked to put forward specific proposals no later than Friday 12 June. AG would contact specific leaders.

In the interests of the status of borough bids being clear to the Group, it was AGREED that the spreadsheet provided to the meeting would be updated to make the status of schemes clearer.

ACTION: TfL to update spreadsheet to include assessment, status and timescales for decision and provide future updates to the Group in this format.

5. TfL-Led Progress

TfL provided an update on its schemes and explained it was confident that as things stand all can be delivered. The Group AGREED that where a scheme turns red, rather than spending a long time pressing it, TfL should instead move onto something more readily deliverable.

ACTION: TfL to bring an assessment of AG's scheme suggestions back to a future meeting.

6. Cycle Training

DfT ministers are currently considering advice on the focus of the Bikeability scheme. The Group discussed the possibility of Bikeability funding being allocated to London.

ACTION: RF to check and revert to the Group on whether ministers are being asked to consider application of scheme to London.

7. Public Communication & Wayfinding

TfL provided an update on progress to date. The Group AGREED to take a further update next week.

ACTION: TfL to include update on agenda for 15 June meeting.