

ACTIVE TRAVEL OVERSIGHT GROUP

MONDAY 15 JUNE 2020

1. Actions from previous meeting

Attendees updated the meeting on progress of actions agreed at the 8 June meeting of the Group. All had been completed. The following points were made in discussion:

- The position on unsafe practice in projects appeared to be improving following conversations with borough traffic managers
- The timeline of projects would be provided to the Group in draft at the 22 June meeting
- The Government's Active Travel fund was intended for infrastructure and could therefore not be used to fund other initiatives e.g. cycling training
- **ACTION: AG would share with the Group his own assessment of all bids received for tranche 1 Active Travel funding**
- 32/33 boroughs had submitted bids for Streetspace funding and TfL expected the final one to do so imminently.
- **ACTION: TfL to provide feedback to the Group following the mini-summit with representatives of the emergency services.**

2. Summary programme performance

TfL updated on delivery progress across a range of schemes since the Group's last meeting. It was NOTED that the proportion of cycling space relative to pedestrian interventions was slowly increasing. As well as the larger schemes, TfL was also pursuing a range of smaller schools schemes and would be delivering over 500 low complexity interventions on its network.

3. Finance summary

TfL shared an update on allocation of funding to boroughs. Many schemes were deserving of money and it would soon be the case that the £45m available would all be allocated. It was AGREED in discussion that the importance of delivering schemes quickly should be made clear to boroughs.

The Group briefly discussed AT tranche 2 funding, DfT confirmed comfort in principle with combining with TfL funding but ultimately ministers would have the final call on allocations. It was AGREED that the letter asking for bids for tranche 2 needed to be sent soon as given the larger sums involved a longer lead time would be needed.

On the £1.7m allocated to TfL from the AT fund, DfT confirmed that in the interests of taking a coherent, pan-network approach to the creation of central London corridors, this money could be used on the TLRN.

The question of whether tranche 2 AT could be available for TfL interventions was discussed. It was NOTED that boroughs were expecting the money to come to them and

AGREED that allocations would be based on the quality of proposals. If there weren't enough received that met the fund criteria, good TfL schemes could be considered.

ACTION: Issue to be considered at a future meeting of the Group.

4. Borough-led progress

Taking account of overprogramming, £11m remains of the Streetspace fund and within 2-3 weeks all would be allocated. It was AGREED following feedback that TfL would review how it communicated bids to boroughs, particularly those who had been partially successful.

ACTION: CL to provide any specific examples of borough challenges with TfL process, including on ascertaining bus impacts.

It was AGREED that demonstrated progress was important, and that the allocation of tranche 3 funding would be significant in this respect. Also that having one eye on making some schemes permanent to embed benefits for the longer term.

ACTION: WN to provide comments on tranche 1 AT bids for DfT to consider.

5. TfL-led schemes

TfL reported strong progress with 11km complete – 4km TLRN with remainder from boroughs. Some schemes were taking slightly longer to get up and running than initially thought.

6. Cycle training

DfT reported no update on the question considered at the last meeting of whether London could qualify for a share of Bikeability funding. It was NOTED that money to do this alongside infrastructure interventions would help convert lockdown cyclists into permanent ones.

ACTION: DfT to update the Group once ministers have provided a view.

7. Wayfinding & public communications

ACTION: Next meeting pack will include summary of press and publicity TfL are doing.

WN updated on conversations about alternative Ride London proposal this year – using maps to encourage people to make local journeys by bike.