

## **ACTIVE TRAVEL OVERSIGHT GROUP**

**MONDAY 29 JUNE 2020**

### **1. Actions from previous meeting**

Brief discussion on wayfinding. **ACTION: WN to follow up with Google on help they can give on wayfinding in support of what's on TfL website**

### **2. Programme summary**

TfL ran the Group through delivery highlights since the last meeting.

### **3. Strategic schemes**

TfL updated the meeting on the Bishopsgate scheme, on which work would start on site w/c 6 July.

### **4. Finances**

The Group discussed the evolving financial picture and NOTED that the balance of allocation to boroughs was as predicted shifting towards strategic cycling schemes and low traffic neighbourhoods. TfL confirmed that after investigation sunk costs remained at £14.5m but that work to try and drive the number down continued. The Group AGREED that financial reporting on the schemes should move away from EFC towards a "live" picture of what has been spent. **ACTION: TfL to update reporting to reflect live spend from 6 July meeting.**

DfT confirmed the outcome of tranche 1 of the Active Travel allocations to boroughs – 27 had received the full allocation of £100k, 6 a reduced allocation of £50k. DfT had asked the boroughs in the latter category to engage with TfL on how best to make their schemes more compliant. The Group AGREED that this process needed to be completed and decisions made on what to fund with the remaining £300k as soon as possible. **ACTION: TfL to provide recommendations to the 6 July ATOG meeting.**

The Group also AGREED the importance of keeping boroughs up to speed and communicating a sense of continuing progress, and NOTED a slot had been agreed at TEC on 16 July to do this

For Tranche 2, DfT informed the Group that they had recommended to ministers that TfL should write to boroughs asking for bids, but that there should be no indicative allocations by borough, nor a recommendation on borough-TfL split of the pot. It was AGREED that having assessed the bids TfL should present recommendations to the Group which would then pass them to Ministers for a final decision.

In discussion it was also AGREED that:

- existing/shovel ready proposals would be eligible for the funding tranche, but only if they were strong. They would need to be considered in the round with other bids to ensure a level playing field

- subject to ministerial sign off, tranche 2 should be restricted only to strategic cycling and LTN schemes
- funding in the tranche could be used for schemes that helped to stitch the cycle network together better – to judge this an overarching map was needed quickly
- making current temporary schemes permanent could also be funded although the cost of such schemes may prove prohibitive.

## **5. Communications**

The Group noted activity to date and AGREED the need to keep talking publicly about progress.

## **6. Training**

DfT confirmed that Ministers were not minded to make funding available to cycling training in London

## **7. Borough projects**

TfL confirmed that all borough bids received amounted to £99m, well in excess of the available pot. It discussed the balance of funding between schemes and AGREED to a detailed offline discussion involving scheme sponsors about this. **ACTION: TfL to arrange detailed discussion.**

The Group also AGREED that it needed visibility of schemes which were allocated funds but subsequently proved not to be viable. **ACTION: TfL to add appropriate detail to meeting pack starting 6<sup>th</sup> July.**

## **8. Future meetings**

The Group AGREED to keep meeting weekly for now but to keep the frequency under review.