

Transport for London

Minutes of the Board

Committee Rooms 4-5, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London
10.05am, Tuesday 31 March 2009

Members

Boris Johnson	Chairman, Board Member
Daniel Moylan	Deputy Chairman, Board Member
Christopher Garnett	Deputy Chairman, Board Member
Peter Anderson	Board Member
Claudia Arney	Board Member
Charles Belcher	Board Member
Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson	Board Member
Sir Mike Hodgkinson	Board Member
Judith Hunt	Board Member
Steven Norris	Board Member
Bob Oddy	Board Member
Patrick O'Keeffe	Board Member
Kulveer Ranger	Board Member
Keith Williams	Board Member
Steve Wright	Board Member
Tony West	Board Member

Staff

Steve Allen	Managing Director, Finance
David Brown	Managing Director, Surface Transport
Ian Brown	Managing Director, London Rail
Howard Carter	General Counsel
Stephen Critchley	Chief Finance Officer
Michèle Dix	Managing Director, Planning
Vernon Everitt	Managing Director, Marketing and Communications
Mary Hardy	Director of Internal Audit
Peter Hendy	Commissioner
Ellen Howard	Director of Corporate Governance
Richard Parry	Director of Strategy and Service Development, LUL
Mike Robinson	Head of Secretariat

16/03/09 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence had been received from Eva Lindholm, Tim O'Toole, Douglas Oakervee and Malcolm Murray-Clark.

Daniel Moylan declared an interest as Deputy Leader of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Christopher Garnett as a member of the Olympic Delivery Authority, Sir Mike Hodgkinson as a non-executive Director of Crossrail Ltd, Steve Wright on matters relating to private hire vehicles and Bob Oddy on taxi related issues.

17/03/09 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 February 2009**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

18/03/09 **Matters Arising and Actions List**

The Board noted the Actions List.

19/03/09 **The Commissioner's Report**

The Commissioner introduced his report and advised that, regrettably, notice has been given by the RMT in relation to a ballot of members in LUL and in TfL, even though pay negotiations had only just started at LUL, and not begun at all at TfL.

The Commissioner advised that TfL was fully engaged with other agencies in preparation for the G20 summit and associated events this week.

Members congratulated TfL on the reopening of Tower Gateway station on 2 March, two months ahead of schedule; and the introduction of new targets for the removal of guardrail on the Transport for London Road Network, where TfL was working to achieve the removal of 60km of guardrail by the end of July 2010, almost double the previous target.

In response to a question, Richard Parry confirmed that LUL was in negotiations with Tube Lines and Bechtel regarding the Jubilee line upgrade due to be complete by 31 December 2009. The main issue was the number of closures required to achieve the deadline. An update on this would be provided to the Mayor and Board.

[ACTION: Richard Parry]

The Commissioner confirmed that good progress was being made to enable Oyster use on National Rail within London. Equipment was being installed and substantive agreement with the Train Operating Companies had been achieved. TfL was developing a 'World of Oyster' map showing the entire rail network in London where Oyster would be accepted. This would be useful to users of Oyster although there was an issue regarding the standard of service at some National Rail stations. It was hoped that the Department for Transport would commit to providing a minimum level of service and staffing on these stations.

David Brown confirmed that TfL was looking at how sensors could detect pedestrians to improve the efficiency of traffic lights. The road safety campaign to target young drivers was also welcomed. It was suggested that the campaign reflect the fact that young men were primarily responsible for accidents in this age group. A briefing on this would be provided to Judith Hunt.

[ACTION: David Brown]

The Board noted the report.

20/03/09 **Budget for 2009/10**

The Mayor welcomed the proposed budget and explained that it was the biggest investment in transport in London for 50 years. Major projects were being delivered

and new ones commencing, such as the delivery of the cycle hire scheme and cycle highways. However, TfL found itself in challenging economic circumstances. Tough decisions had been required and a small number of projects were to be cancelled or deferred.

The Mayor proposed, following discussions with stakeholders, not to defer the A406 Bounds Green road scheme. He proposed that the budget be approved but that the Managing Director, Finance makes a revision to it to bring the scheme forward, with consequent changes to reserves in the period 2009/12.

The Board noted the report and approved the 2009/10 budget, subject to a revision to bring forward the A406 Bounds Green scheme with consequent changes to reserves in the period 2009/12.

21/03/09 Changes to Private Hire Vehicle Regulations

David Brown introduced the report which proposed changes to Private Hire Vehicle (PHV) regulations in relation to driver physical fitness standards and to make the regulations consistent with other legislation. The matters were relatively minor and the Board would be asked to delegate future changes to private hire vehicle regulations to officers at the next Board meeting. **[ACTION: David Brown]**

The Board approved the making of regulations, to be signed by the Commissioner of Transport or in his absence, the Managing Director of Surface Transport, that:

- 1 amend the PHV Driver Regulations to require the licensing authority to be guided, rather than bound, by the DVLA Group 2 physical fitness standards; and**
- 2 amend the PHV Operator Regulations to reflect the recent changes to primary legislation concerning mental capacity.**

22/03/09 Appointment to the Rail and Underground Panel

Howard Carter introduced the report.

The Board approved the appointment of Steve Wright to the Rail and Underground Panel.

23/03/09 Report from the Meeting of the Audit Committee held on 3 March 2009

Judith Hunt introduced the report. The Committee had noted that Crossrail would be subjected to the same risk management and efficiency saving programmes as other parts of TfL.

The Board noted the report.

24/03/09 **Report from the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 10 March 2009**

Peter Anderson introduced the report. The Committee had considered a number of projects and discussed the Crossrail framework agreements in some detail.

The Board noted the report.

25/03/09 **Report from the Meeting of the Safety, Health and Environment Committee held on 18 March 2009**

Christopher Garnett introduced the report. The Committee had recognised that more emphasis should be given to environmental matters at future meetings. This would be addressed in Daniel Moylan's review of the Committees and Panels.

[ACTION: Howard Carter]

The Board noted the report.

26/03/09 **Any Other Business**

The Board joined with the Mayor in recording their deep appreciation to Tim O'Toole for his dynamism and leadership in driving forward London Underground during his time as Managing Director.

Rob Holden, the new Chief Executive of Crossrail, would attend Board meetings in the future. Doug Oakervee would continue as Non-Executive Chairman until Terry Morgan took up that role. The Board thanked Doug for his energy and commitment in getting Crossrail to this stage.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.30am. The next scheduled meeting would be held on Wednesday 24 June 2009 at 10.00am.

Chair: _____

Date: _____