

Transport for London

Minutes of the Safety and Sustainability Panel

**Boardroom, 14th Floor, Windsor House, London
10.00am, Wednesday 9 October 2013**

Members

Charles Belcher	Chair
Michael Liebreich	Vice Chair
Richard Barnes	Member
Baroness Grey-Thompson DBE	Member
Bob Oddy	Member

In Attendance

Shaun McCarthy	Adviser
Gordon Sellers	Adviser

Staff

Martin Brown	Head of Health, Safety and Environment, Rail and Corporate
Andrea Clarke	Director of TfL Legal
Jill Collis	Director of Health, Safety and Environment
Leon Daniels	Managing Director, Surface Transport
Stephen Golden	Head of Equality and Sustainability
Brian Schiff	Audit Manager, HSE
Ian Wainwright	Head of Freight and Fleet Programme
Clive Walker	Director of Internal Audit
Mike Weston	Operations Director, Surface Transport
James Varley	Secretariat Officer

19/10/13 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence had been received from Sir Brendan Barber, Mike Brown, Howard Carter and Steve Hails.

There were no interests to be declared that were relevant to the items on the agenda.

20/10/13 Minutes of the Meeting of the Safety and Sustainability Panel Held on 16 July 2013

The minutes of the meeting of the Safety and Sustainability Panel held on 16 July 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

21/10/13 Matters Arising and Actions List

There were no matters arising. Provisional dates were being set for the briefing sessions.

The Panel noted the Actions List.

22/10/13 Rail and Underground Quarterly Health, Safety and Environment Performance Report – Quarter 1 2013/14

Jill Collis introduced the report. Most of the indicators were trending in the right direction and appropriate mitigating action was taken where necessary.

Martin Brown confirmed that the suicide at Queens Road Peckham was the first on the south London section of the London Overground network. TfL had and continued to work with organisations such as the Samaritans and the British Transport Police Mental Health Unit to provide information and contact numbers across the network.

In response to a question from the Panel, Jill Collis undertook to provide further information on the provision of power usage measuring equipment on trains.

[Action: Jill Collis]

Michael Liebreich thanked Jill Collis for the recent visit to Leicester Square station to observe the carbon reduction activities and commented that the visit had been highly informative. A further discussion of how aspects of the carbon reduction plan could be applied to other stations would take place at one of the briefing sessions.

A cab ride would be arranged for Gordon Sellers for information relating to Platform Train Interface issues.

Work was continuing to address the Customer Major Injury Rate. Investigations were taking place and behavioural safety campaigns were being rolled out.

Baroness Grey-Thompson would be provided with details of the policy regarding use of wheelchairs on escalators.

[Action: Jill Collis]

The Panel noted the report.

23/10/13 Surface Transport Quarterly Health, Safety and Environment Performance Report – Quarter 1 2013/14

Leon Daniels introduced the report and gave the Panel an update on the two recent non-fatal incidents involving New Buses for London. Both incidents were being investigated and the results of the investigations would be fed back to Panel Members.

[Action: Leon Daniels]

The Panel asked if any academic work was available to demonstrate the benefits of ongoing driver accreditation through regular testing in a simulator. This would be investigated and findings would be reported back to the Panel.

[Action: Leon Daniels]

The Panel was also given an update on works taking place in Holborn. Leon Daniels explained that interventions on the road network were necessary and efforts were made to minimise the impact on road users.

Leon Daniels explained the classification of electric vehicle recharging points in London. The difference between the speeds of Fast Charge and Rapid Charge points was clarified. TfL were offering the Electric Vehicle industry an opportunity to take on

the role of Source London Scheme Operator. Further information on the proposals for the future of Source London would be provided to Members. **[Action: Leon Daniels]**

An update would be given to Michael Liebreich regarding the trial of gas powered buses. **[Action: Mike Weston]**

The Panel noted the report.

24/10/13 Crossrail Quarterly Health, Safety and Environment Performance Report – Quarter 1 2013/14

In the absence of Steve Hails, Martin Brown introduced the report. An update on the safety culture within tunnelling contractors was given.

The Panel noted the report.

25/10/13 Cycle Safety

Ian Wainwright introduced the paper, which outlined the work done with the freight industry to address the cycle safety issue.

Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) were disproportionately involved in accidents with cyclists and within that, construction vehicles were further disproportionately involved. An independent report commissioned by TfL and produced by Transport Research Laboratory found that the overrepresentation might be partly attributable to a lack of awareness and ownership of work related road safety within construction logistics supply chains, and the types of vehicles operating within the construction sector.

The Mayor and Department of Transport had recently announced the ‘Industrial HGV Task Force’ to enforce against unsafe vehicles. A Cycle Task Force was being introduced to encourage safer behaviours.

The Panel noted the paper.

26/10/13 Transport Select Committee Report on Access to Transport for Disabled People

Stephen Golden introduced the paper, which informed the Panel of TfL’s submission to the House of Commons Transport Select Committee.

It was clear that TfL was more advanced than many other transport bodies at providing access to transport for disabled people and no further action was required by TfL to comply with the recommendations of the Report.

The Panel discussed the provision of space on buses for wheelchair users and the needs of other passengers also using the space, such as elderly passengers or those with small children in buggies.

A court case relating to this issue was likely to be considered by the Court of Appeal.

It was noted that the taxi industry has been compliant with legislation for approximately 15 years. The private hire industry was not subject to the same legislation and vehicles were less accessible, although this situation could change due to market demand in the future.

TfL would continue to seek out funding solutions for improving accessibility on the Crossrail route, looking at funding through the Access for All scheme and opportunities within the Crossrail budget. The deadline for submissions for funding from the Access for All scheme was 30 October 2013 and an update would be given at the next meeting.

[Action: Stephen Golden]

The Panel noted the paper.

27/10/13 New Health, Safety and Environment Policy

Jill Collis introduced the paper which presented the new Health, Safety and Environment policy. Members suggested that the policy should include reference to the confidential independent reporting service available for all staff.

The Panel noted the paper.

28/10/13 Key Findings from Internal Audit Reports – Quarter 1 2013/14

Clive Walker and Brian Schiff introduced the paper, which informed the Panel about Internal Audit Reports related to safety and sustainability issued during Quarter 1 2013/14 (1 April – 22 June 2013). The Panel welcomed the report as a quarterly standing item.

The Panel noted the paper.

29/10/13 Any Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12:55pm. The next scheduled meeting would be held on Wednesday 4 December 2013 at 10.00am.

Chair: _____

Date: _____