Access to Transport Committee 23.6.10



Secretariat memorandum Agenda item : 6

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Matters arising

1 Purpose of report

1.1 To record progress on action items tabled at previous meetings.

2 Recommendation

2.1 That the report is received for information.

3 Information

- 3.1 The table at Annex A indicates the current position in relation to matters arising from previous meetings of the Committee.
- 3.2 Updates for inclusion in this report were invited 5 working days in advance of the meeting, in writing to the Committee Services team, rather than in person at the meeting.
- 3.3 Views of Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee (DPTAC) and Independent Disability Advisory Group (IDAG) on fixed bus stops (7.7.09, minute 8)

The Streets and Surfaces Transport Policy Officer provided an update as follows on 20 January 2010 :

"IDAG are a sounding board for TfL and as such do not have a view independent of TfL. The chair of DPTAC has been contacted again. A verbal update will be given at the meeting."

3.4 To supply a larger map of the coverage of traffic lights (16.12.09, minute 7)

The Streets and Surface Transport Policy Officer has recently re-requested a copy of the map and this will be available to members soon.

3.5 To ask London Underground Limited (LUL) for details on footfall, cost and benefits on deferred step-free access schemes (16.12.09, minute 9)

The Streets and Surface Transport Policy Officer has addressed this in his paper, Step-free stations update (AT022).

3.6 To raise the colour of the priority seats on new London Underground rolling stock (3.2.10, minute 4)

The Streets and Surface Transport Policy Officer has confirmed that the colour of the priority seating (that it is substantially different from normal seating) will be raised with operators at every opportunity, i.e. train design consultations, franchise consultations, etc. London TravelWatch has also raised the colour of the priority seat on the new bus for London.

3.7 To update members on the issues in Waltham Forest regarding Hail-and-Ride services (3.2.10, minute 4)

The Streets and Surface Transport Policy Officer has addressed this in his paper, London TravelWatch's work on accessible bus stops (AT021).

3.8 To circulate the information received from London Underground on step-free access, footfall and platform humps (3.2.10, minute 4)

The information was circulated on 4 February 2010 to members and staff. A copy of the information provided by London Underground is enclosed in the annex to this report.

3.9 To ask TfL for worked examples and marginal costs of the new Countdown system (3.2.10, minute 4)

The Streets and Surface Transport Policy Officer has addressed this in his paper, London TravelWatch's work on Countdown 2 (AT025).

3.10 To confirm if a bus charter existed (3.2.10, minute 6)

The London Bus Passenger's Charter is currently out of print. A photocopy is available on request to members.

3.11 To collate information on interchange visit to Walthamstow Central and Lewisham via Stratford (3.2.10, minute 8)

The Streets and Surface Transport Policy Officer has addressed this in his paper, London TravelWatch's work on g) Interchange visit report (AT026).

4 Equalities and inclusion implications

4.1 This report has no equalities and inclusion implications for London TravelWatch.

5 Financial implications

5.1 This report has no financial implications for London TravelWatch.

6 Legal powers

6.1 Section 248 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 places upon London TravelWatch (as the London Transport Users Committee) a duty to consider - and where it appears to the Committee to be desirable, to make recommendations with respect to - any matter affecting the functions of the Greater London Authority or Transport for London which relate to transport (other than of freight). Section 252A of the same Act (as amended by Schedule 6 of the Railways Act 2005) places a similar duty upon the Committee to keep under review matters affecting the interests of the public in relation to railway passenger and station services provided wholly or partly within the London railway area, and to make representations about them to such persons as it thinks appropriate.

Annex A : Access to Transport Committee matters arising

Date	Minute	Action	Action Owner	London TravelWatch Owner	Status
7.7.09	8	To find out what the views of DPTAC (Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee) and IDAG (Independent Disability Advisory Group) were on fixed bus stops.	London TravelWatch	Streets and Surface Transport Policy Officer	In progress – see para 3.3, above
16.9.09	6	To determine the additional cost of air conditioning and energy consumption on i) LOROL (London Overground).	TfL	i) Rail and Underground Policy Officer/Senior Policy Officer (LOROL)	Awaiting information from LOROL
16.12.09	6	The Chief Executive would send a copy of the report from the Croydon bus surgery to Mr Osborne.	London TravelWatch	Chief Executive	A verbal update will be given at the meeting. (mark as complete)
16.12.09	7	Ms Hall would supply a larger map of the coverage of traffic lights.	TfL	Committee Services	In progress – see para 3.4, above
16.12.09	7	TfL to share the review of re-phasing traffic lights with London TravelWatch.	TfL	Committee Services	Requested
16.12.09	9	To ask LUL for details on footfall, cost and benefits on deferred step-free access schemes.	TfL	Streets and Surface Transport Policy Officer	Complete – see para 3.5, above

Date	Minute	Action	Action Owner	London TravelWatch Owner	Status
3.2.10	4	To raise the colour of the priority seats on new London Underground rolling stock	London TravelWatch	Streets and Surface Transport Policy Officer	Complete – see para 3.6, above
3.2.10	4	To update members on the issues in Waltham Forest regarding Hail-and-Ride services	London TravelWatch	Streets and Surface Transport Policy Officer	Complete – see para 3.7, above
3.2.10	4	To circulate the information received from London Underground on step-free access and platform humps	London TravelWatch	Committee Administrator	Complete – see para 3.8, above
3.2.10	4	To ask TfL for worked examples and marginal costs of the new Countdown system.	TfL	Streets and Surface Transport Policy Officer	Complete – see para 3.9, above
3.2.10	6	To confirm if a bus charter existed.	London TravelWatch	Streets and Surface Transport Policy Officer	Complete – see para 3.10, above
3.2.10	8	To collate information on interchange visit to Walthamstow Central and Lewisham via Stratford.	London TravelWatch	Streets and Surface Transport Policy Officer	Complete – see para 3.11, above

Annex B

Platform humps:

http://www.dft.gov.uk/transportforyou/access/rail/vehicles/eo/currentexemptionapps/s8met ropolitanline.pdf

This links to the document (London Underground Limited) LUL provided to the DfT (Department for Transport) with regard to our application for exemption from certain parts of the RVAR (Rail Vehicle Accessibility Regulations). This includes a great deal of information about level access from platform to train and our plans to provide level access at certain stations alongside the introduction of new train to the Metropolitan Line. A similar approach will be taken on the District, Circle and Hammersmith & City Lines, but as introduction of new trains on these lines is several years away, this work has not yet been completed.

http://www.dft.gov.uk/transportforyou/access/rail/vehicles/eo/currentexemptionapps/

This is the page the document is located on and also includes consultation responses.

This is the same process as was followed for the Victoria Line. You can see our paper for platform / train interface here :

http://www.dft.gov.uk/transportforyou/access/rail/vehicles/eo/outcomes/victorialineexemption/lonundvictorialine/platformtraininterface

and London TravelWatch's response here:

http://www.dft.gov.uk/transportforyou/access/rail/vehicles/eo/outcomes/victorialineexempti on/lonundvictorialine/travelwatch

The relevant bit from your response:

"Our members were in agreement with the application by LUL, seeing particular sense in their request for an exemption for the 47 new 09TS stock trains on the Victoria Line. They felt there is no point in having 'platform humps' installed if there is no step-free access route out of the station."

With regard to the question about the number of platform humps, yes it is correct that there are only a few. It is a relatively new innovation and we are rolling it out only as necessary, so numbers will increase slowly, but steadily.

Annex B

Stations with SFA projects deferred indefinitely	Annual Footfall (2008 counts, million)	
Amersham	2.17	
Archway	8.24	
Clapham South	7.60	
East Putney	5.81	
Euston Square	10.58	
Greenford	3.53	
Harrow-on-the-Hill	9.36	
Kennington	4.18	
Ladbroke Grove	5.44	
Leyton	12.65	
Liverpool Street	64.16	
Newbury Park	3.59	
North Acton	5.10	
Osterley	2.06	
Paddington – District, Circle and Bakerloo station		The combined figure for Paddington H&C and Paddington B, D&C is 40.70m
Queensway	8.48	
Rayners Lane	3.85	
Shepherd's Bush	20.73	Likely to be higher now Westfield is open
South Kensington	28.48	
Stockwell	8.36	
Tooting Broadway	13.00	
Tower Hill	20.31	
Turnham Green	5.99	
Waterloo (all remaining platforms)	77.20	
West Kensington	4.72	
Wood Green	10.89	