Transport for London

Minutes of the Safety and Sustainability Panel

Paddington Room, 11th Floor, Palestra
10.00am, Wednesday 4 December 2013

Members

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

Board Member in Attendance

Brian Cooke	In the Chair for Minutes 30/12/13 to 32/12/13

In Attendance

Shaun McCarthy	Adviser
Gordon Sellers	Adviser

Staff

Martin Brown	Head of Health, Safety and Environment, Rail and Corporate
Howard Carter	General Counsel
Jill Collis	Director of Health, Safety and Environment
Leon Daniels	Managing Director, Surface Transport
Steve Hails	Director of Health and Safety, Crossrail
Clive Walker	Director of Internal Audit
Helen Woolston	TfL Sustainability Co-Ordinator
Mike Weston	Operations Director, Surface Transport
James Varley	Secretariat Officer

30/12/13   Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence had been received from Sir Brendan Barber and Mike Brown.

Shaun McCarthy declared an interest in the item on Carbon Foot Printing in TfL. Action Sustainability, a company of which he was a director, had been retained by the Rail Safety Standards Board to review carbon foot printing tools for the rail industry. There were no other interests to be declared that were relevant to the items on the agenda.

31/12/13   Minutes of the Meeting of the Safety and Sustainability Panel Held on 9 October 2013

The minutes of the meeting of the Safety and Sustainability Panel held on 9 October 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

32/12/13   Matters Arising and Actions List

Gordon Sellers updated the Panel on his recent London Underground cab ride which had enabled him to develop a better understanding of platform train interfaces and accessibility issues.

Leon Daniels informed the Panel that the report on the recent New Bus for London incident was not yet available.

The application for Access for All funding for Crossrail had been submitted.

Additional information relating to location and usage of Source London charging points would be provided to Members.   **[Action: Leon Daniels]**

The Panel noted the Actions List.

33/12/13   Rail and Underground Quarterly Health, Safety and Environment Performance Report – Quarter 2 2013/14

Jill Collis introduced the report. The rate of customer major injuries had been falling recently and was an encouraging trend. It remained a challenge and activities to reduce the rate continued.

The Chair commended London Underground for the solar panel project at Paddington station. It was recognised that the project could be rolled out to other sites but the changes to the tariffs and viability of sites were factors that needed to be considered.

The Panel noted the report.

34/12/13   Surface Transport Quarterly Health, Safety and Environment Performance Report – Quarter 2 2013/14

Leon Daniels introduced the report. The Panel were updated on the cycling fatalities that had occurred recently and the actions that TfL had taken on cycle safety.

Operation Safeway had been introduced which placed Metropolitan Police officers at 60 accident black spots. Sanctions such as fines were available and safety courses were being considered. Crossrail Limited had introduced a programme of 'Exchanging Places' events, where heavy goods vehicle drivers and cyclists were given the opportunity to experience the constraints each face in operation of their respective vehicles.

Safe cycling was a combination of good highways engineering and positive behaviours by road users.

Surface Transport had engaged with cycling groups on many occasions and a summary of those events would be circulated to Members.   **[Action: Leon Daniels]**

The Mayor was also engaging with the media and encouraging all road users to consider each other's safety. Work was also taking place to encourage and mandate operators of vehicles that were currently exempt from fitting the appropriate safety equipment to consider fitment.

The Panel noted the report.

35/12/13   Crossrail Quarterly Health, Safety and Environment Performance Report – Quarter 2 2013/14

Steve Hails introduced the report and informed the Panel of the good progress being made with the Health and Safety Performance Index. This would allow the next phase to be rolled out which would allow for a bespoke approach to individual projects.

The 'Have Your Say' survey had been completed and the results were being used to implement improvements at each work site.

The Panel noted the report.

36/12/13   TfL Corporate Environment Strategy

Helen Woolston introduced the paper. The Panel Advisers had provided helpful comments and these were being considered.

The strategy reflected strategic goals for environmental performance to 2031, the period of the Mayor's Transport Strategy. The Panel asked if the targets were robust and achievable and requested a further opportunity to discuss the Strategy in the New Year.   **[Action: Secretariat]**

The Panel noted the paper.

37/12/13   Carbon Foot Printing in TfL

Helen Woolston introduced the paper, which updated the Panel on the progress of carbon foot print analysis. Carbon accounting was embedded into the business case Gateway process. It was recognised that good progress had been made although more could be done. TfL was looking at other organisations to see how the use of ambitious targets could deliver additional benefits such as innovation and cost saving.

The Panel noted the paper.

38/12/13   Sustainability Framework Update

Helen Woolston introduced the paper, which informed Members of the progress and plans for delivering sustainability in TfL.

The focus for delivering sustainability was working at the Project Management level and using the framework to communicate TfL's requirements. The Panel suggested

further investigations should take place to assess the ability to access third party financing for projects, such as the installation of solar panels at TfL sites.

The Panel noted the paper.

39/12/13   Key Findings from Internal Audit Reports

Clive Walker introduced the Paper, which informed the Panel about internal audit reports related to safety and sustainability during Quarter 2 2013/14.

The Panel noted the paper.

40/12/13   Any Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.50 am. The next scheduled meeting would be held on Wednesday 19 March 2014 at 10.00am.

Chair: _____

Date: _____