#### **Board**



**Date:** 7 June 2023

Item: Annual Update on 2022/23 Delivery of the Mayor's

**Transport Strategy** 

# This paper will be considered in public

# 1 Summary

- 1.1 Appendix 1 to this paper is the draft of the sixth annual progress report, summarising delivery of the Mayor's Transport Strategy (MTS) and the relevant elements of the London Environment Strategy in 2022/23.
- 1.2 This paper summarises the layout of the report. Some further edits are proposed ahead of a full publication of the progress report on the TfL website.

#### 2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Board is asked to note the draft copy of Delivering the Mayor's Transport Strategy 2022/23, prior to publication and note:
  - (a) progress against the desired outcomes of the Mayor's Transport Strategy (MTS);
  - (b) that a strengthened approach to the MTS is required to enable us to address the triple challenges of toxic air pollution, the climate emergency and traffic congestion; and
  - (c) that securing stable long-term funding is key to unlocking the full benefits of the MTS.

# 3 Report Highlights

- 3.1 The report firstly sets out the patterns of travel demand in 2022/23. It shows that demand for public transport has substantially recovered, aided by the success of the Elizabeth line, but is not yet at pre-coronavirus pandemic levels. Progress in 2022/23 was affected by a number of disruptions including ongoing industrial action and the cost of living crisis. Our overall mode share for walking, cycling and public transport increased in 2022 but has not yet reached pre-pandemic levels.
- 3.2 Chapter three of the report sets out our progress in delivering the three key themes of the MTS: Healthy Streets and Healthy People; A Good Public Transport Experience; and New Homes and Jobs. Data from the MTS tracker is used throughout to illustrate the pace of progress being made to deliver key MTS outcomes and illustrates that in many policy areas the direction of travel set out by the MTS requires an increased pace of delivery.

- 3.3 Under Healthy Streets and Healthy People, we outline how securing vital funds from central Government has enabled us to restart our Healthy Streets Programme and fund boroughs to do the same. We discuss the progress we have made in delivering key safety measures, such as the roll out of 20mph speed limits and ensuring more buses meet our Bus Safety Standard. We summarise our work to make our streets more efficient including developing a new Network Operating Strategy and rolling out more bus lanes. We outline the progress we continue to make in improving air quality in London but recognise the importance of going further. We detail the current and planned delivery of measures to achieve this including the expansion of the Ultra Low Emission Zone London-wide and introduction of more Electric Vehicle buses and zero emission bus routes. We outline other areas of 'Green' delivery including our first Climate Change Adaptation Plan.
- 3.4 Under a Good Public Transport Experience, we outline our delivery of major projects and Programmes to increase capacity and open new stations and routes. This includes the opening of the Elizabeth line, London Overground Barking Riverside extension and completion of the Bank station capacity upgrade. We discuss our progress in delivering the Bus Action Plan, including the introduction of new bus lanes, accessibility features and customer experience enhancements. We outline how we are improving bus routes in outer London, including the announcement of the new Superloop. We demonstrate the progress we have made in reducing the step-free journey time differential, aided by the opening of the Elizabeth line and new step-free stations on the Tube.
- 3.5 Under New Homes and Jobs, we discuss how we have continued to work with boroughs to embed sustainable travel in their local plans and to secure funding from central Government through the Levelling Up fund. We outline the impact that new major transport infrastructure has, such as the Elizabeth line, and will have on creating new homes and jobs. We detail the progress we are making in delivering major projects including the DLR to Thamesmead extension and West London Orbital. We discuss the progress our new commercial property management company, TTL Properties Limited, has made in delivering new homes on our land. Finally, we highlight the risk of losing opportunities for major transport improvements due to our limited funding.
- 3.6 In chapter four, we summarise our progress in achieving our three key priority areas of reducing traffic, making more progress on safety and continuing to seek long-term investment from central Government and third-party funders. While we have made progress against the delivery of the MTS, long-term sustainable funding is crucial in ensuring that we can continue to deliver and close the gaps in meeting the outcomes set out in the MTS tracker.

# List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – Draft of Delivering the Mayor's Transport Strategy 2022/23 (June 2023)

### **List of Background Papers:**

None

Contact Officer: Alex Williams, Chief Customer and Strategy Officer

Email: <u>AlexWilliams@tfl.gov.uk</u>