
Secretariat memorandum

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Agenda item 3
LTW 328
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Matters arising

1 Purpose of report

- 1.1 To record responses to or further information received on matters arising from previous meetings.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1. That the report is received for information.

3 Information

- 3.1. The current position is set out in the accompanying table (Annex A). Updates for inclusion in this report are invited 5 working days in advance of the meeting, in writing to the Committee Services team, rather than in person at the meeting.

Details of completed items are as follows :

- 3.2. Concerns about potential threats to the works at London Bridge (29.9.09, minute C3)

A copy of the letter from the Chair of London TravelWatch is in Annex B of this report.

4 Forthcoming Publications

- 4.1. This section lists forthcoming publications from London TravelWatch with approximate publication date. An historical list is available on the website.

Title	Publication date
Whose Station Are You?	January 2010

5 Equalities and inclusion implications

- 5.1. None – report is for information only.

6 Financial implications

6.1. None – report is for information only.

7 Legal powers

7.1. 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.

LTW 328 Annex A : Matters arising from previous London TravelWatch meetings

Key : Completed items are marked **Complete** All other items are ongoing.

Complete table of matters arising

Date	Minute	Action	Action owner	London TravelWatch owner	Status
10.2.09	417	To liaise with TfL on incorporation of TOCs' Christmas services information with TfL's seasonal information booklet.	TfL	Committee Services	In progress
15.3.09	432	To obtain SERCO Docklands' detailed figures regarding Community Ambassadors' scheme.	Committee Services	London TravelWatch	Chased 7.5.09 and 24.6.09 – passed to TfL for follow-up Sept 09
19.5.09	8	To persuade TfL to look seriously at travel requirements for ethnic and religious groups; to consider providing services, perhaps on a trial basis, and to look at other situations where there are other ethnic and religious minorities which may need specific services.	Research and Development Team	London TravelWatch	Raised with TfL at a meeting on 2.11.09.
30.6.09	8	i To provide further details of the exact timeline of the Smoothing the Traffic project to involve local councils within four weeks of this meeting.	TfL	Committee Services	i This is still to be decided; TfL has committed to inform us as soon as there are developments
29.9.09	8	To provide a summary of Synovate research on motorcycles in bus lanes and further details of results.	TfL	Committee Services	
29.9.09	9	To confirm anecdotal evidence the number of taxi journeys has increased.	Director, Research and Development	London TravelWatch	

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29.9.09	9	To establish whether there was any evidence for uncompetitive behaviour on the part of construction firms in relation to transport works.	London TravelWatch	Senior Policy Officer	
29.9.09	9	London TravelWatch to provide any evidence that bus routes where bendy buses were replaced are not performing well for Mr Ranger, who also undertook to provide cost data to confirm figures.	TfL	Committee services	
29.9.09	9	To send details of concerns regarding the Mayoral priorities and smoothing the traffic impact to Mr Ranger for response.	Mayor's Office	Chair / Committee services	
29.9.09	9	Cycle super-Highways : Mr Ranger to submit details to board on how they will work with the boroughs – TfL offers a presentation.	TfL	London TravelWatch	
29.9.09	11	The Chief Executive to circulate the amended business plan to members.	London TravelWatch	Members / Chief Executive	
29.9.09	C3	To write to DfT raising concerns at the prospect of any reduction of the works at London Bridge	Senior Policy Officer / Director, research and Development / Chair	London TravelWatch	Complete see para 2.2, above

Annex B

From the Chair

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8th October 2009

Dear Andrew,

RE: Implementation of Thameslink upgrade programme at London Bridge

I am writing to express the concerns of London TravelWatch about the possibility of reductions in the scope of the works proposed at London Bridge station as part of the Thameslink upgrade programme. This was considered in some details by our board at our recent meeting.

London TravelWatch and its' predecessor bodies have spent a considerable amount of time and energy over several years, considering the various aspects of the Thameslink programme both in terms of closure of parts of the railway and the various planning applications. We supported the proposals on the basis that, although there was some hardship to existing passengers, this was more than outweighed by the additional passenger benefits that the Thameslink upgrade and the rebuilding of London Bridge station.

We would therefore like to seek your assurances that if a reduction in the scope and cost of works at London Bridge is being considered, identified as necessary, that we can be satisfied that:-

a) the passenger benefits envisaged in the original scheme are preserved or enhanced – better facilities at the station, longer trains, more frequent services (such as on the main Thameslink core route between London Bridge and St.Pancras International).

b) that where there were disadvantages to passengers in the original scheme (such as the reduction in terminating platforms on the lines from Peckham Rye and Forest Hill) that any redesign might be able to accommodate measures to mitigate or reduce the impact of these or that the Department considers with Network Rail and Southern other methods of operation (such as that of 'stepping back' train crew) that would potentially allow the retention of existing frequencies and service patterns.

Along with my board, I would be grateful for clarification of the position in respect of the London Bridge works. I look forward to your reply with interest

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Grant