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Dear Val,

RE: Follow up to London Assembly Transport Committee meeting on 13 November

Thank you for your letter of 18 November.

As you are aware, the Mayor has confirmed that Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding will be held at 2013 levels for the next three years. I am sure you will agree that this is welcome news for London Councils and the London boroughs.

The Mayor's Roads Task Force (RTF) set out a bold new vision for the future of London's roads and streets, to ensure the capital can cope with major population growth, support jobs and thousands of new homes, while remaining one of the most attractive, vibrant, accessible and competitive world cities.

The full RTF report, 'The vision and direction for London's streets and roads', an Executive Summary and our report, 'Delivering the vision for London's streets and roads: TfL's response to the Roads Task Force', is available to download at www.tfl.gov.uk/roadstaskforce. Detailed information on the hierarchy of road users and street types is set out in Annex 2 of the main RTF report.

In addition, we published a fuller account of the 'case studies', which helped develop the street types and their links. This can be found in the supporting documents section under the heading 'Street family: theory, application & case studies'.

With relation to accident rates on red routes, the casualty figures for the London Boroughs can be found here:

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<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/assets/downloads/corporate/collisions-and-casualties-on-londons-roads-2012.pdf>.

In summary, this shows that fatalities on capital's roads are at the second lowest level since records began. Tables 3.1 to 3.4 in particular show the casualty figures for the London Boroughs, Highways Agency and the Transport for London Road Network (TLRN) that you may find useful.

Also provided is the link to the 'Safe Streets for London', London's Road Safety Plan, at <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/assets/downloads/corporate/safe-streets-for-london.pdf>. Section 4.2.1 confirms that "The 580km of London's road network that is managed by TfL constitutes only five per cent of London's total road length, but carries more than 30 per cent of traffic. Nearly a third of all road collisions in London occur on the TLRN."

I agree however that more can be done to reduce the number of serious injuries occurring, particularly involving vulnerable road users. Through sustained long-term investment, we will deliver the actions outlined in our recently published road safety action plan and the Mayor's Cycle Vision for London to make the capital's streets safer for all.

As you know, the Freedom Pass is a London Councils administered scheme. However in cases where our Revenue Protection Inspectors (RPI) come across a Freedom Pass holder on TfL services, they check if the passenger is in possession of the appropriate accompanying photocard. Where this is not the case, the card is withdrawn and we report the passenger for consideration of either a penalty fare or a prosecution.

London Councils are notified of withdrawn Freedom Passes with full details of the travel irregularity reports received from the RPIs, including reasons for withdrawal. We take fare evasion seriously and have a number of RPIs who ensure that passengers are in possession of a valid ticket or Oyster card while travelling.

I hope you find this useful and please contact me if you need any further information.

Yours sincerely



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