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Dear Boris

Pedestrian Safety in London

Thank you for your letter of 8 August 2014, which sets out TfL's detailed response to our report *Feet First: Improving Pedestrian safety in London* (April 2014).

We welcome the consideration given to our report and the acknowledgement of the contribution our findings made to the development of TfL's Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. We are pleased that, in response to our recommendations, TfL has made a number of commitments, including to: introducing a gold standard for pedestrian crossings, working with the police and the criminal justice system to tackle lawless road behaviour more effectively, lobbying the Government for additional enforcement powers, developing methods to capture feedback from pedestrians, and to undertaking further research to improve understanding of the causes of pedestrian deaths and injuries on our roads.

However, the Committee remains concerned that TfL's response fails to give adequate consideration to the needs of pedestrians in developing wider road safety policy. The Pedestrian Safety Action Plan is a welcome start; however, we would like to see a clearer commitment from TfL that pedestrian safety will be given similar levels of support and political investment as we have seen for cycling in recent years. In particular, we are concerned at the lack of specific targets for the reduction of pedestrians killed and seriously injured (KSIs) as part of a strategy to eliminate road deaths and injuries, following Vision Zero principles. We would also like to see a specific, named senior figure at TfL given responsibility for ensuring that the actions set out in the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan are carried out as soon as possible.

We are also disappointed that TfL has rejected calls to review crossing times in light of research on walking speeds undertaken by University College London, which has found that the Government's assumed walking speeds are inaccurate for many older Londoners. We believe that TfL has an opportunity to make a significant difference to the quality of life of all Londoners by taking the lead in addressing this issue.

We urge you and TfL to strengthen your public commitment to addressing pedestrian safety issues and to look again at the growing evidence for reviewing crossing times, to the setting of specific targets for reducing pedestrian KSIs, and to identifying a specific TfL representative to champion pedestrian safety issues.

Yours sincerely



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Cc: Isabel Deding, Deputy Mayor for Transport; Sir Peter Hendy, Commissioner, TfL; and Leon Daniels, Managing Director of Surface Transport, TfL.