

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Planning and Transportation Committee	15/12/2020
<b>Subject:</b> Transport Strategy Update: Quarter 2 2020/21	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	9. We are digitally and physically well-connected and responsive.  12. Our spaces are secure, resilient and well-maintained.
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	N
<b>If so, how much?</b>	N/A
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	Various
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	Y
<b>Report of:</b> Director of the Department of the Built Environment	<b>For Information</b>
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### Summary

Members have requested quarterly updates on progress with delivering the City of London Transport Strategy. This report covers Quarter 2 of 2020/21 (July - September 2020).

An update on Delivery Plan projects is provided in Appendix 1. While progress continues to be made, several projects and activities continue to be on hold due to suspension of external funding, and most have experienced some delay due to COVID-19, as reported in the September update on Quarter 1.

In November Transport for London (TfL) were able to release some Local Implementation Plan (£368k) and Liveable Neighbourhood (£150k) funding for the remainder of 2020/21. This is approximately a third of the previously agreed Local Implementation Plan (LIP) programme for the year although only a small proportion of the overall Delivery Plan funding. We have indicated in Appendix 1 where this has allowed projects to restart. Alternative funding sources have also been identified for some projects, such as Globe View Walkway, again this is indicated in Appendix 1

Progress with projects and activities to deliver Vision Zero and help mitigate the CR20 - Road Safety corporate risk includes:

- Completion of pavement widening at Bank junction
- Cycle training sessions funded through TfL have recommenced.

Additional activities in Quarter 2 included:

- Ongoing delivery of the City Streets: Covid-19 transport recovery programme.

- Delivering two cycle safety roadshows in partnership with City of London Police at St Bartholomew's Hospital and Moor Lane
- A two-week virtual campaign to celebrate Car Free Day 2020
- Securing Committee approval for the City Corporation to participate in a rental e-scooter trial
- Preparing an updated Road Danger Reduction & Active Travel Plan for 2020/21 – 2022/23

## **Recommendation**

Members are asked to note the report.

## **Main Report**

### **Background**

1. The City of London Transport Strategy was adopted in May 2019. The Strategy sets the framework for the design and management of transport and streets in the Square Mile over the next 25 years.
2. The Transport Strategy is supported by a three-year Delivery Plan. This provides details of projects to deliver the Transport Strategy and will be updated on an annual basis. The 2020/21 – 2022/23 Delivery Plan has been prepared and was brought to this Committee in September.
3. Members have requested quarterly updates on progress with delivering the Transport Strategy. This report covers Quarter 2 of 2020/21 (July – September 2020).

### **Q2 Update**

4. The quarterly update on progress with Delivery Plan projects is provided in Appendix 1, which includes a RAG status. The RAG status assumes project dates were reset after the Covid-19 lockdown period and work has resumed on most projects.
5. Progress during the second quarter of 2020/21 includes:
  - a. An operator being chosen for the London Wall Car Park Last Mile Delivery Hub
  - b. Installation of the High Voltage substation and the 6 charge points within Baynard House car park (further ventilation work is still required to allow switch-on).
  - c. Designs have been completed for additional on-street and off-street cycle parking
  - d. Agreeing alternative funding for Globe View at Riverside Walkway with progress made towards Gateway 5
6. The following projects have an amber RAG status due to delays or suspension of TfL funding as a result of COVID-19:

- Barbican & Golden Lane Zero Emission Zone
  - 150 Bishopsgate public realm improvements
  - Cycle route Quietway 11 Queen Street upgrade
  - City Cluster Area Programme
  - Last Mile Delivery Hubs
  - Bank Junction and surrounding streets walking and public realm improvements
7. The EV infrastructure plan includes the provision of an EV charging hub being installed in partnership with TfL at Baynard House car park. The work has been delayed by Covid-19 restrictions, although TfL have now completed the work to install the chargepoints. Use of the charge points and formal go live is dependent on City Surveyors completing the installation of the new ventilation system anticipated Spring 2021. This therefore has a red RAG status.
8. Progress with projects and activities to deliver Vision Zero and help mitigate the CR20 - Road Safety corporate risk includes:
- Completion of pavement widening at Bank junction
  - Cycle training sessions funded through TfL have recommenced, with a higher take up of adult training than previously experienced
9. Additional activities in Quarter 2 included:
- Ongoing delivery of the City Streets: Covid-19 transport recovery programme.
  - Delivering two cycle safety roadshows in partnership with City of London Police at St Bartholomew's Hospital and Moor Lane
  - A two-week virtual campaign to celebrate Car Free Day 2020
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10. Transport for London were required to pause all 2020/21 funding, in order to prioritise spend on emergency Covid-19 response measures. A decision to release funds (£368k) for the remainder of 2020/21 has now been possible as TfL have secured a financial package with central government. This is approximately a third of the previously agreed programme for the year. The spend will focus on schemes that are able to progress and deliver within this financial year. These are to:
- Complete delivery of the City' Corporation's elements of the Puddle Dock scheme.
  - Deliver three Healthy Streets minor schemes to improve the experience and safety of people walking at Old Broad Street by Pinners Passage, Creechurch Lane by Leadenhall Street and Gresham Street by Wood Street.
  - Scope opportunities for pavement widening and pedestrian priority in line with the Transport strategy and Climate Action Strategy; and identify priority locations for minor safety and accessibility improvements.

- Install barriers at Baynard House Car Park as part of the delivery of the rapid charging hub.

11. £150,000 of Liveable Neighbourhood funding has also been released for the City Cluster Area Programme.

### **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

12. Delivery of the Transport Strategy supports the delivery of Corporate Plan outcomes 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 11 and 12. It also indirectly supports the delivery of Corporate Plan outcomes 2 and 4.

13. Delivery of the Transport Strategy also helps mitigate corporate risks CR20 – Road Safety and CR21 – Air Quality.

### **Conclusion**

14. Delivery of the Transport Strategy is progressing well but several projects continue to be affected by COVID-19 through programme delays or suspension of TfL funding.

### **Appendices**

- Appendix 1: Progress update on Transport Strategy Delivery Plan Q2 2020/21

### **Background Papers**

- City of London Transport Strategy <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/transport-and-streets/Documents/city-of-london-transport-strategy.pdf>
- 2020/21 – 2022/23 Delivery Plan and Q1 Update  
[Committee paper - 2020/21 - 2022/23 Delivery Plan and Q1 update](#)

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