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Summary

Members have requested quarterly updates on progress with delivering the City of London Transport Strategy. This report covers Quarter 3 of 2019/20 (October – December 2019). An update on progress with Delivery Plan projects is provided in Appendix 1.

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

- Working with TfL to finalise new traffic signal designs for the new wider crossings at Bank Junction and securing TMAN approval for the final phase of Bank on Safety.
- Commencing works to deliver safety improvements at Gresham Street/Old Jewry, due to be completed by April 2020.
- Working with the City of London Police to develop an enforcement plan to be included in the 15mph submission to DfT.
- Supporting TfL's delivery of improvements to Ludgate Circus, which went live on 14 December.
- Working with the City of London Police to support their winter speed enforcement campaign, which will run from January to March.

Additional activities in Quarter 3 included:

- Continuing to work with TfL to deliver a rapid charging hub at Baynard House Car Park.
- Reviewing our policy on A-boards and exploring the potential for a City-wide anti-idling traffic management order.
- Undertaking the most comprehensive set of traffic counts to date, with monitoring at over 100 locations.
- Continuing to work with TfL, London Councils and boroughs to develop the byelaw on dockless vehicles.

Recommendation(s)

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 Delivery Plan is currently in draft pending completion of the Fundamental Review.
3. Members have requested quarterly updates on progress with delivering the Transport Strategy. This report covers Quarter 3 of 2019/20 (October – December 2019).
4. Progress against Transport Strategy targets and KPIs will be reported on an annual basis in April or May.

Q3 Update

5. The quarterly update on progress with Delivery Plan projects is provided in Appendix 1.
6. When considering the last quarterly update (5 November) Members asked for future updates to include details of the costs of projects and a RAG status. These have been added to Appendix 1.
7. There was also a request for projects to be ranked in order of priority. A prioritisation of the existing Delivery Plan has not been undertaken as all active projects are funded and resourced. The 2020/21 – 2022/23 Delivery Plan is currently being developed. This will include a priority ranking of projects and details of how different projects and initiatives relate to each other.
8. Progress during the third quarter of 2019/20 includes:
 - a. Securing Gateway 3/4/5 approval and completing detailed design for the provision of a new walking route on Puddle Dock.
 - b. Appointing consultants to undertake traffic modelling of options for All Change at Bank and establishing a working group with TfL to support the review of options.
 - c. Appointing a team of consultants led by Hawkins Brown to develop design proposals for streets and public spaces around Smithfield.
 - d. Agreeing the methodology for developing the Streets Accessibility Standard with the City of London Access Group and Transport for All.
 - e. Completing noise assessments for the proposed Barbican and Middlesex Street last mile delivery hubs. These indicate that both sites would be suitable for last mile logistics operations.
9. The following projects have an amber RAG status due to delays:
 - City Wide 15 mph speed limit
 - Legible London

- 100 Minorities
- Streets Accessibility Programme
- Disabled parking bays adjustment for space requirements
- Zero Emission Waste Collection

10. One project, Cycle route Quietway 11 upgrade, has a red RAG status as the current proposal for changing the design of Queen Street is being reviewed following feedback from TfL. This is likely to significantly delay the project as further options are being considered.

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

- Working with TfL to finalise the new traffic signal design for the new wider crossings at Bank Junction and securing TMAN approval for the final phase of Bank on Safety. Delivery is scheduled to begin in January 2020 and complete within six months.
- Commencing works to deliver safety improvements at Gresham Street/Old Jewry, due to be completed by April 2020.
- Continuing to develop the submission to DfT requesting approval for a City-wide 15mph speed limit, including working with the City of London Police to develop an enforcement plan. It is likely that the submission date will slip to June 2020 to allow more preparation time and to avoid submitting during the pre-election period for the Mayoral elections.
- Supporting TfL's delivery of improvements to Ludgate Circus, which went live on 14 December, and continuing to engage with TfL on improvements to Gracechurch St/Fenchurch St and Bishopsgate/Camomile St junctions.
- Working with the City of London Police to support their winter speed enforcement campaign, which will run from January to March.

12. Additional activities in Quarter 3 included:

- Continuing to work with TfL to deliver a rapid charging hub at Baynard House Car Park. Funding for upgrading the car park's ventilation system has been approved, with installation due to begin in June 2020. TfL's installation of the first six charging points will start in January 2020.
- Providing a letter of support for the joint TfL and DfT outline business case for the potential transfer to TfL of the Great Northern services operated by Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) from Moorgate to Welwyn Garden City and Stevenage.
- Reviewing our policy on A-boards and exploring the potential for a City-wide anti-idling traffic management order. Reports on both these items will be brought to Committee in March 2020.
- Undertaking the most comprehensive set of traffic counts to date, with monitoring at over 100 locations. Analysis will be completed in Q4.
- Continuing to work with TfL, London Councils and boroughs to develop the byelaw on dockless vehicles.

13. In October, the City Corporation was presented with an Institute of Couriers Clean Air Action Award. The award was in recognition of the Corporation's

efforts to support the use of cargo cycles by introducing a new season ticket for non-motorised vehicles. This allows commercial users to securely store cargo cycles or other non-motorised vehicles in our public car parks at a discounted rate (an 87.5% discount from traditional commercial season tickets).

14. The City Corporation has also been shortlisted for three London Transport Awards, with entries from across the Department of the Built Environment:

- Excellence in Cycling & Walking - City of London Transport Strategy
- Most Innovative Transport Project - City of London Wind Microclimate Guidelines
- Contribution to Sustainable Transport - City of London Zero Emission Fleet

Corporate & Strategic Implications

15. 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.

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

Conclusion

17. Delivery of the Transport Strategy is progressing well. There has been some slippage on a small number of projects, but this is not expected to have a significant impact on overall delivery.

Appendices

- Appendix 1: Progress update on Transport Strategy Delivery Plan Q3 2019/20

Background Papers

- City of London Transport Strategy
<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/transport-and-streets/Documents/city-of-london-transport-strategy.pdf>

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