

Committee(s)	Dated:
Planning and Transportation Resources Allocation Sub Committee	17 th May 2022 17 th May 2022
Subject: Local Implementation Plan funded schemes 2022/23	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	1, 9, 12
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
If so, how much?	£
What is the source of Funding?	
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	N/A
Report of: Director of Environment	For DECISION
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Summary

This report covers the provision of Transport for London (TfL) Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding to the City of London Corporation for the year 2022/23.

TfL funding is currently constrained by the impact of Covid-19 on their finances, and they are currently dependent on central government funding, including for funding to boroughs and the City Corporation that TfL administer.

In current City Corporation allocation for 2022/23 is:

- Corridors and Neighbourhoods: £96,000
- Borough Cycling (Cycleways Network Development): £20,000

We are awaiting details of the allocation for Principal Road Renewal.

In a regular year we would expect to receive approximately £900k, plus funding for specific programmes, such as cycling investment. Table 1 in Appendix 1 sets out the full LIP submission made to TfL in November 2021. Table 2 details the allocation awarded so far for this financial year.

Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- Approve the allocations up to the maximum set out in table 1 (£1,917k), for the year 2022/23.
- Delegate authority to the Executive Director Environment, in consultation with the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of the Planning & Transportation Committee

and of the Streets & Walkways Sub Committee, to allocate any additional funds which are made available by TfL in 2022/23 financial year.

- Approve to spend any funds awarded for Principal Road Renewal for the year 2022/23.
- Delegate authority to the Executive Director Environment to reallocate the TfL grant between the approved LIP schemes should that be necessary during 2022/23 up to a maximum of £150,000.

Main Report

Background

1. This report covers the provision of Transport for London (TfL) Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding to the City of London Corporation for the year 2022/23.
2. Under Section 159 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999, TfL is empowered to provide grants to London boroughs and the City of London Corporation for the provision of safe, efficient and economically viable transportation facilities and (or) services to, from or within Greater London. In May 2019 the 3-year Local Implementation Plan for the City Corporation was submitted to TfL and approved.
3. In November 2021 we submitted our Annual Spending Submission to TfL, which was the first part of the LIP for the new 3-year period commencing 2022/23. As requested by TfL, the total amount was in-line with our usual annual allocation (circa £900k, plus programme specific funding, such as cycling funding). All schemes were in line with the previously approved LIP and the Transport Strategy.
4. TfL funding is currently constrained by the impact of Covid-19 on their finances, particularly revenue income from public transport. They are currently dependent on central government, Department for Transport (DfT) funding to support them and to provide the borough and City funding that TfL administer.
5. DfT funds have been released on short notice and cover short time scales, which means TfL have only been able to commit the amounts guaranteed to them. This has meant prioritisation for in-flight schemes and schemes which can be delivered in the current financial year.
6. TfL have acknowledged the difficulty of planning and programming to short timescales. We anticipate further funding will be released later in the current financial and will prepare our own programme to be flexible to available funds. TfL funding is ringfenced to projects and schemes agreed in the LIP.

Current Position

7. The current funding release to TfL is to the end of June 2022 and must be spent within the current financial year.
8. TfL have acknowledged the difficulty of planning and programming to short timescales. We anticipate further funding will be released later in the current financial year and will prepare our own programme to be flexible to available funds. TfL funding is ringfenced to projects and schemes agreed in the LIP.

9. Funding has been allocated to the City Corporation from the current funding settlement for:
 - Corridors and Neighbourhoods: £96,000
 - Borough Cycling (Cycleways Network Development): £20,000
10. All other LIP funded projects and activities are paused pending further decisions from TfL or further City fund requests.
11. Ring fenced funding for Principal Road Renewal is anticipated but the amount is not yet confirmed. This report therefore seeks approvals to spend any amount allocated. Principal Road Renewal allocation in recent years (before covid-19) was usually around £100k.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

12. LIP funded projects and activities support delivery of:
 - Corporate Plan outcomes 1, 9 and 12
 - The Transport Strategy
 - The Climate Action Strategy.
 - Mitigation of corporate risk CR21 – Air Quality and Environment Department risk ENV-CO-TR 001 – Road Safety.
13. Reduced funding will limit our ability to deliver some Transport Strategy projects and activities. To date we have not been successful in identifying or securing funding from other sources to mitigate these impacts. Details of the impacts will be set out in Transport Strategy quarterly reports.

Conclusion

14. Members are asked to approve the allocation up to the maximum in the submission as set out in table 1 (£1,917k) and any allocation for Principal Road Renewal. TfL have initially allocated £116k to the City Corporation. It is anticipated that further allocations will be released later in the current financial year.
15. Given the uncertainty and short-term financial decisions TfL are having to make at present it is recommended that approval is given to allow the Executive Director Environment flexibility to make decisions during the year. The amount is not anticipated to exceed the total amounts set out in the LIP submission for 2022/23 (Table 1, Appendix 1).
16. Where appropriate project spending is also subject to the usual Gateway reporting approvals process.

Appendices

Appendix 1:

Table 1 Annual Spending Submission for 2022/23 (submitted November 2021)

Table 2 Current Local Implementation Plan allocation for 2022/23

Appendix 2: LIP scheme descriptions

Background papers

City of London Transport Strategy - <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/assets/Services-Environment/city-of-london-transport-strategy.pdf>

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Appendix 1.

Table 1: Transport for London (TfL) Local Implementation Plan - Annual Spending Submission for 2022/23

TfL programme		£k
Local Transport Fund	Monitoring and schemes	100
Corridors And Neighbourhoods	Healthy Streets minor schemes including road danger reduction and accessibility improvements	867
Liveable Neighbourhoods	City Cluster Streets for People scheme	707
Borough Cycling (Cycleways Network Development)	Cycle network infrastructure	150
Cycle Parking	Cycle parking various locations	93
Total		1,917

Table 2: Current Local Implementation Plan allocation for 2022/23

TfL programme		£k
Local Transport Fund	Monitoring and schemes	-
Corridors And Neighbourhoods	Healthy Streets minor schemes including road danger reduction and accessibility improvements	96
Liveable Neighbourhoods	City Cluster Streets for People scheme	-
Borough Cycling (Cycleways Network Development)	Cycle network infrastructure	20
Cycle Parking	Cycle parking various locations	-
		£116k

Appendix 2: LIP scheme descriptions

Corridors and Neighbourhoods

- **Healthy Streets Minor schemes**

Healthy Streets minor schemes programme for 2022/23. A series of small-scale works, such as raised carriageway, kerb build-outs, to improve the quality of the walking environment and reduce road danger at targeted points. The prioritised schemes which will be able to be completed with the amount of funding allocated in March are:

Finch Lane/Cornhill - raised table with tactile paving

Minories (near the bus station) - raised zebra crossing

Basinghall Street/Masons Avenue - raised table with tactile paving

Should further funding be allocated during the year, further work on the priority list of schemes can be undertaken, and will be approved with Director of Environment

Cycle Network programmes

- **Bevis Marks** For Bevis Marks, replacing the barriers with wands and create a safer link between Bishopsgate and Aldgate Square. Delivery should be completed in the first quarter of 2022. This is continuing with an experimental scheme from the covid-19 response temporary scheme.
- **Cycleways routes Queen Victoria Street – Aldgate to Blackfriars**
Route Development Plan is in progress, with initial TfL Cycle Programme Sponsor approval. Work this year will cover further design and public consultation of the cycleway proposals.