

MAYOR OF LONDON

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Dear Jesse,

Many congratulations on your appointment as Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport. I want to affirm my commitment to working closely with the Department for Transport to the benefit of London. I enjoyed a constructive relationship with your predecessor, and I look forward to working closely with you to address the strategic transport issues we face across London. I hope we will be able to meet at your earliest convenience to discuss these in more detail.

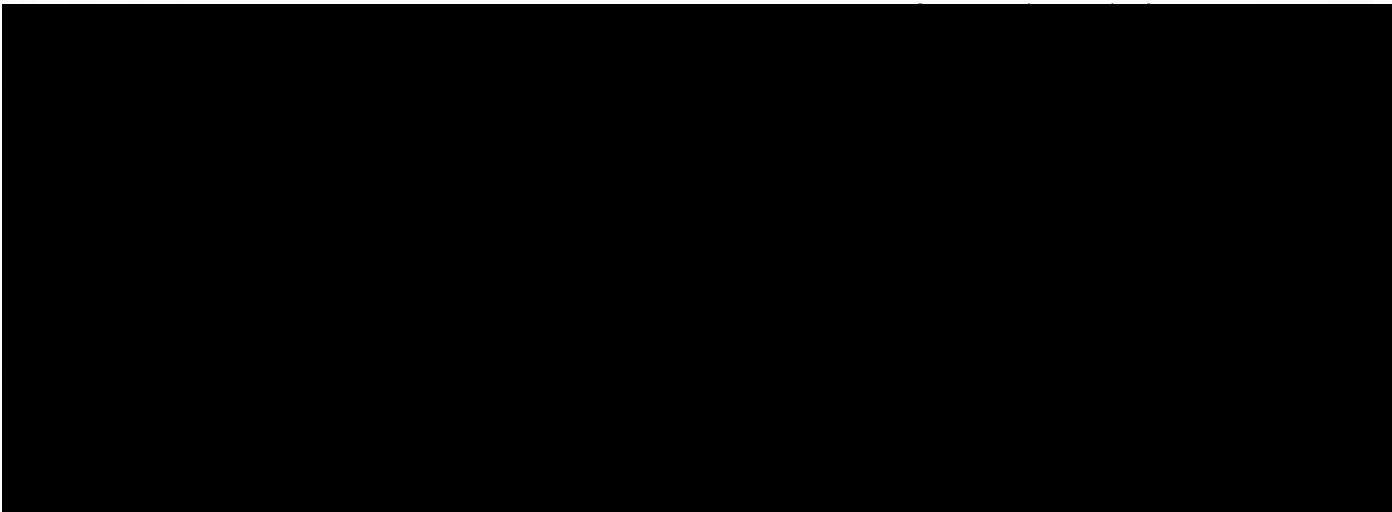
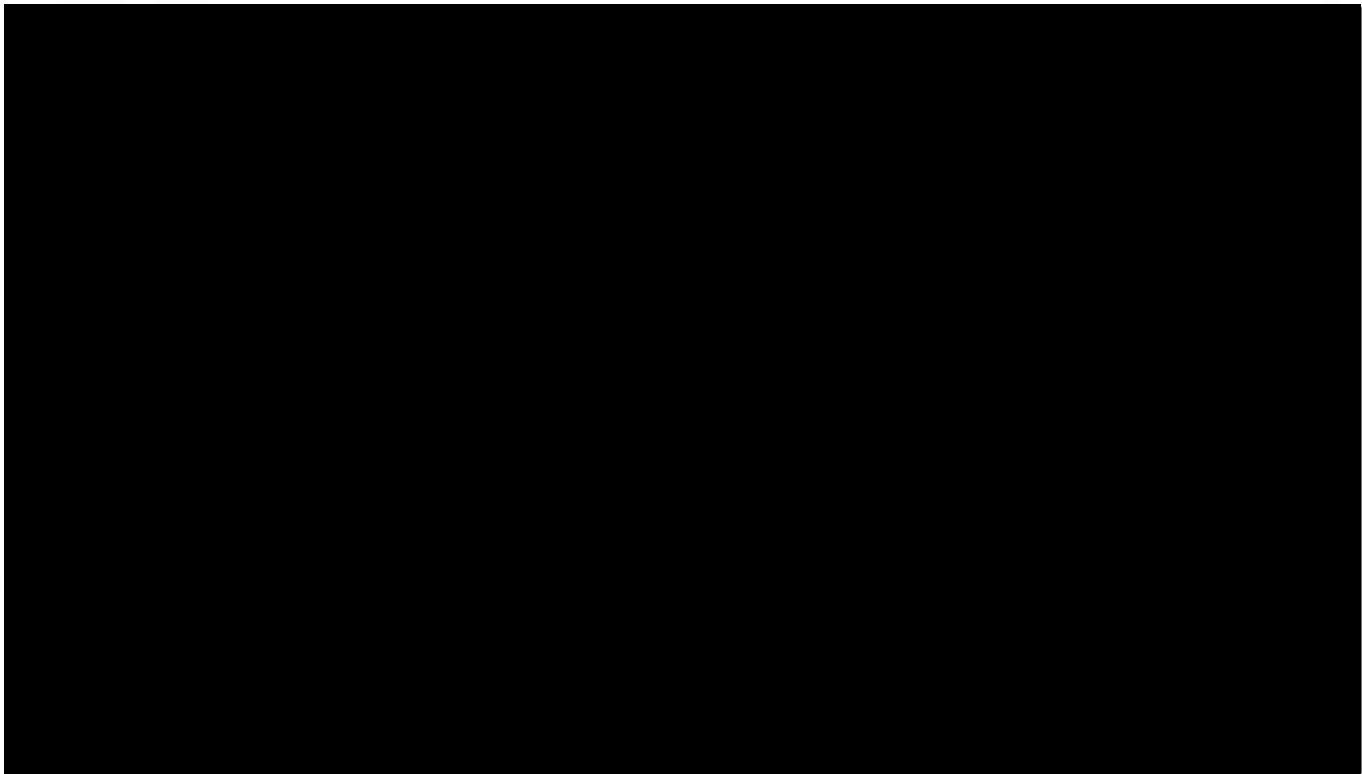
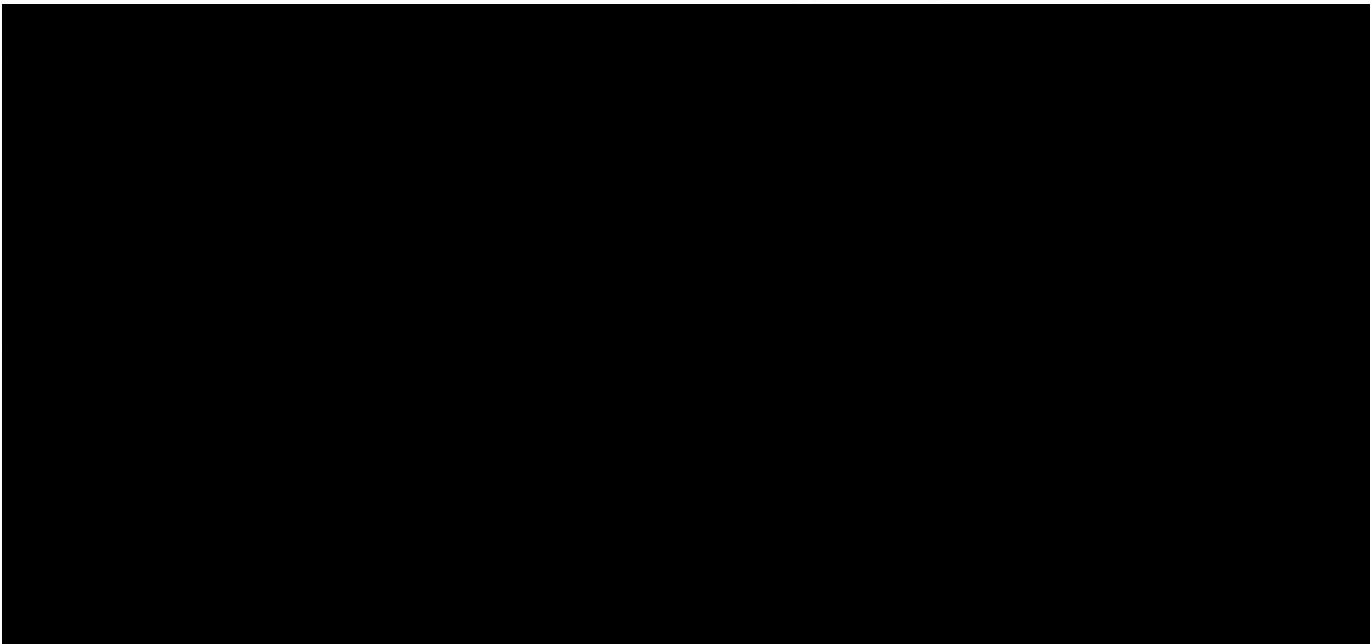
In the meantime I want to share a copy of the Mayor's Draft Transport Strategy which was published last month. The Strategy sets out how we can change the current transport mix to fundamentally shift the way that people move around our city away from dependence on cars. The Mayor's aim for 2041 is for 80 per cent of Londoners' trips to be on foot, by cycle or by using public transport. Working towards this aim will have implications for every aspect of transport in London, and we will need to work together to realise the huge benefits it will bring.

Crossrail 2

Crossrail 2 is central to this vision and forms a key plank of the Strategy. No other single project tackles so many problems while boosting overall transport capacity. It would simultaneously increase transport capacity, national connectivity and accessibility, while reducing crowding and journey times across the 160 mile corridor between Portsmouth and Cambridge. In addition, the scheme would unlock the development of 200,000 new homes and serve some of the most economically deprived areas of the UK.

We have been working with the Department to develop the scheme and we are grateful to the Secretary of State for the valuable support he has shown for progressing the project, including his joint statement with the Mayor, published last week. It is very important that a decision is made on the business case and the Case Scheme Option for the route by mid-October to start the process of safeguarding the scheme and gaining consent in this Parliament. I would welcome your support in helping to secure a positive decision.

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I hope we can meet soon to discuss these matters in more detail and look forward to working with you over the course of this Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Valerie Shawcross', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Valerie Shawcross CBE
Deputy Mayor for Transport