

Subject: Future Tube Projects

Report to: Transport Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 17 January 2012

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides background information to the Transport Committee in relation to its discussion on future Tube projects with representatives of Transport for London (TfL).

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the report and puts questions to representatives of Transport for London about future Tube projects.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Committee has agreed to use part of this meeting to discuss future projects to improve the Tube network. The discussion will draw on the proposals contained in the Mayor's Transport Strategy for improvements to the Tube network beyond the current line upgrade programme. The discussion will provide an opportunity to explore progress with these proposals including any recent developments.
- 3.2 The Mayor's Transport Strategy set out the intention to seek some longer-term extensions to the Tube network. Proposal 22 provided for the Mayor, through TfL and working with relevant stakeholders, to pursue longer-term schemes that will enhance the London Underground network and in particular the following specific line extensions:
- A privately funded extension of the Northern Line to Battersea;
 - A potential southern extension to the Bakerloo line subject to resources and further study; and
 - A link at Croxley to join the Watford branch of the Metropolitan line to Watford Junction (with funding to be secured by Hertfordshire County Council in conjunction with the government).¹
- 3.3 The Mayor's Transport Strategy also set out the intention to deliver Tube station improvements. Proposal 18 provided for the delivery of the ongoing programme of Tube station refurbishments. Proposal 19 provided for the Mayor, through TfL and working with relevant stakeholders to develop and implement a prioritised programme for more substantial developments to enhance station capacity and accessibility at London's most congested stations. The developments included:
- Congestion relief schemes to complement Tube line upgrades and/or integrate Crossrail at the key interchanges of Victoria, Tottenham Court Road, Bond Street, Paddington and Bank;

¹ Mayor's Transport Strategy, May 2010, p136

- b) Schemes at other strategic Tube interchanges e.g. Vauxhall, Finsbury Park, Highbury & Islington, Holborn, Camden Town, Oxford Circus, Edgware Road and the Northern line City branch; and
- c) Schemes at major strategic multi-modal/National Rail interchanges on the Underground network to disperse onward demand arising from National Rail proposals such as High Speed 2 e.g. at London Bridge, Euston, Liverpool Street, Paddington, Elephant & Castle and Waterloo stations.²

3.4 The discussion on future Tube projects will provide an opportunity to follow-up relevant past Committee work and build upon it by exploring infrastructure improvements beyond the current line upgrades. The Committee's past work has often focused on the line upgrade programme such as its most recent report, *State of the Underground* (September 2011). The report focused on the dip in Tube performance in 2010/11 and progress with the line upgrades. The report is available at: <http://www.london.gov.uk/publication/state-underground-report>

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The following guests have been invited to this meeting to discuss future Tube projects:
- Michèle Dix, Managing Director Planning, TfL; and
 - David Waboso, Director of Capital Programmes, London Underground, TfL.

5. Legal Implications

5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no financial implications to the GLA arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report:

None

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers: None
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² Mayor's Transport Strategy, May 2010, pp.132-134