

MDA No.: 1894

Title: Transport Committee – Structures Fund

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 At the Annual meeting on 1 May 2013 the Assembly resolved:

That authority be delegated to Chairs of all ordinary committees and sub-committees to respond on the relevant committee or sub-committee's behalf, following consultation with the lead Members of the party Groups on the committee or sub-committee, where it is consulted on issues by organisations and there is insufficient time to consider the consultation at a committee meeting.

- 1.2 Following consultation with party Group Lead Members, the Chair of the Transport Committee agreed the Committee's letter to the Secretary of State for Transport regarding Transport for London's submissions to the Government's Structures Fund, as attached at **Appendix 1**.

2. Decision

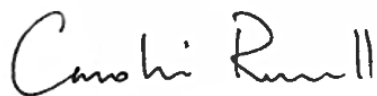
- 2.1 **That the Chair of the Transport Committee, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, agrees the Committee's letter to the Secretary of State for Transport regarding Transport for London's submissions to the Government's Structures Fund, as attached at Appendix 1.**

Assembly Member

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in the proposed decision and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for elected Members of the Authority.

The above request has my approval.

Signature:



Printed Name: Caroline Russell AM, Chair of the Transport Committee

Date: 21 August 2026

3. Decision by an Assembly Member under Delegated Authority

Background and proposed next steps:

- 3.1 The exercise of delegated authority approving the letter will be formally noted at the Transport Committee's next appropriate meeting.

Confirmation that appropriate delegated authority exists for this decision:

Signature (Committee Services): *Hannah Barlow*

Printed Name: Hannah Barlow, Principal Committee Manager

Date: 24 August 2026

Financial Implications: NOT REQUIRED

Note: Finance comments and signature are required only where there are financial implications arising or the potential for financial implications.

Signature (Finance): Not Required

Printed Name:

Date:

Legal Implications:

The Chair of the Transport Committee has the power to make the decision set out in this report.

Signature (Legal): 

Printed Name: Rory McKenna

Date: 24 August 2026

Email: MonitoringOfficer@london.gov.uk

Supporting Detail / List of Consultees:

- *Elly Baker AM (Deputy Chair)*
- *Thomas Turrell AM*
- *Hina Bokhari OBE AM*
- *Keith Prince AM*

4. Public Access to Information

- 4.1 Information in this form (Part 1) is subject to the FoIA, or the EIR and will be made available on the GLA Website, usually within one working day of approval.
- 4.2 If immediate publication risks compromising the implementation of the decision (for example, to complete a procurement process), it can be deferred until a specific date. Deferral periods should be kept to the shortest length strictly necessary.
- 4.3 **Note:** this form (Part 1) will either be published within one working day after it has been approved or on the defer date.

Part 1 - Deferral:

Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? NO

If yes, until what date:

Part 2 – Sensitive Information:

Only the facts or advice that would be exempt from disclosure under FoIA or EIR should be included in the separate Part 2 form, together with the legal rationale for non-publication.

Is there a part 2 form? NO

Lead Officer / Author

Signature: *Eleanor Haigh*

Printed Name: Eleanor Haigh

Job Title: Senior Policy Advisor

Date: 20 August 2026

Countersigned by Executive Director:

Signature: *Rebecca Arnold*

Printed Name: Rebecca Arnold

Date: 24 August 2026

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Caroline Russell AM
Chair of the Transport Committee

The Rt Hon Heidi Alexander MP
Secretary of State for Transport
(Sent by email)

24 August 2026

Dear Heidi,

Structures fund

I am writing on behalf of the London Assembly Transport Committee. I understand from Transport for London (TfL) that it has put forward two submissions to the Government's Structures Fund for Vauxhall Bridge and Croydon Flyover.

The Committee is concerned about the condition of London's transport infrastructure and intends to examine the state of London's river crossings, bridges and flyovers later this year. Several key structures have been closed to motor traffic or have speed and/or weight restrictions applied because of their poor condition. Hammersmith Bridge,¹ Albert Bridge,² Croydon flyover,³ Broadmead Road Bridge,⁴ and most recently Vauxhall Bridge⁵ are current examples of this, demonstrating the impact on London's road network.

You will be aware that TfL has a capital renewals backlog, which currently stands at £6.5 billion.⁶ TfL estimates that it requires £1.1 to £1.2 billion to be spent each year to maintain its assets in a good

¹ BBC, [Hammersmith Bridge car plans axed over £300m cost](#), July 2026

² BBC, [Albert Bridge closes to traffic after cracks found](#), February 2026

³ TfL, [FOI request detail Croydon Flyover – Maintenance & Speed Limit](#), September 2023

⁴ Redbridge, [Broadmead Road Bridge](#)

⁵ TfL, [Safety-critical temporary weight restriction on Vauxhall Bridge to be introduced from July](#), May 2026

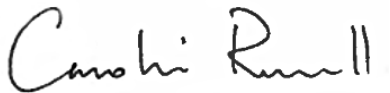
⁶ Mayor of London, [TfL Capital Renewals](#), March 2026

state of repair.⁷ TfL stated in December 2025 that it “cannot afford that level of spend at the moment” so must “prioritise within the different assets.”⁸

The Committee recognises the urgent need for investment in London’s infrastructure assets. TfL has identified Vauxhall Bridge and Croydon flyover as meeting the Government’s criteria for the Structures Fund, and we encourage the Government to give favourable consideration to these bids.

Please send your response by e-mail to Hannah Barlow, Principal Committee Manager and Eleanor Haigh, Senior Policy Adviser at assemblytransport@london.gov.uk.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Caroline Russell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Caroline Russell AM
Chair of the Transport Committee

⁷ London Assembly Budget and Performance Committee, [The 2026-27 Greater London Authority Group Budget – Transport for London](#), 16 December 2025

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