



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

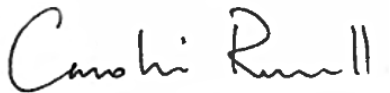
⁶ Mayor of London, [TfL Capital Renewals](#), March 2026

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.

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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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