

#### **TfL Communications**

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#### **Engaging with London TravelWatch**

- LTW's positive and significant influence recognised
  - Issues and requests prioritised
  - A high volume of information provided to LTW (much more so than to other stakeholders)
- Full time Public Affairs manager to facilitate relationship
  - Direct modal contacts at senior and working level
- Regular appearances by senior management at LTW Board meetings and committees
  - Topics suggested well in advance of implementation
- Dedicated correspondence casework officer
- Senior level interaction
  - Quarterly meetings with managing directors of all operational modes
  - Unparalleled access to senior TfL staff who are readily available to discuss matters of strategic importance



# London TravelWatch Engagement 2009 Meeting schedule

Quarterly meetings with TfL MDs

LTW Casework committee: 28 January Induction day for new members: 29 January

Lunch with LTW: 12 March

LTW visit to Croydon Tramlink: 7 April LTW meeting with Research team: 23 April Fares and Ticketing committee: 28 April Access to Transport Committee: 5 May

Mayor's Transport Strategy presentation to the LTW Board: 19 May

Transport Services committee: 20 May Research briefing to LTW: 9 June

Ed Thompson, Director of Taxis and Private Hire, meeting with LTW: 29 June

LTW Board meeting: 29 June Consumer Affairs committee: 8 July

Jeroen Weimar meeting with Sharon Grant: 15 July

Fares and Ticketing committee: 21 July

TfL Government and Stakeholder Relations meeting with LTW: 31 July

Ben Plowden meeting with LTW: 16 September Fares and Ticketing committee: 22 September London TravelWatch Board meeting: 29 September LTW Transport Services committee: 14 October

LTW Board meeting: 4 November Board meeting: 25 November

Access to Transport committee: 17 December



#### **Stakeholders**





# How we communicate with our customers





#### On system

- Staff
- Announcements
- Electronic boards
- Marketing campaigns
- i-Bus
- Customer leaflets

#### Off system

- Customer contact centres
- Travel information Centres
- Internet
- Text messaging and email
- Television/radio and print media
- Community events



### **Our Organisation**

## Group Marketing and Communications

#### **Press Office**

- 60,000 press enquiries
- · Serves:
  - 25 national and pan-London print titles
  - · 200 local newspapers
  - 50 trade media
  - 120 websites
  - 40 London radio and TV channels
- 24/7 365 day operation

## Public Affairs & Stakeholder Engagement

- 2,500 Assembly Member enquiries
- Engages with 4,000 active stakeholders
- Writes and publishes corporate documents ie Business Plan
- Arranges and organises external visits and events

#### Marketing and Research

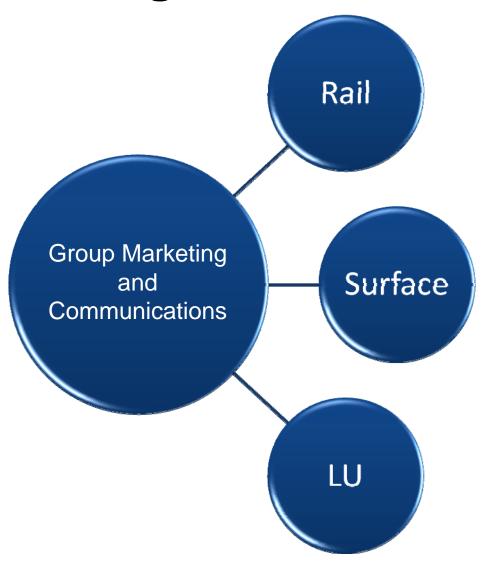
- Behavioural campaigns
- · Posters, TV, Radio
- Customer research
- Collaborative revenue earning tie-ins
- www.tfl.gov.uk website
  10m hits per month
- Customer leaflets, maps and signage

#### Group Customer Services

- Contact centres handling 7m calls and correspondence pa
- Six travel information centres serving 4.5m customers
- Lost property
- Journey Planner delivers 650m solutions pa
- Technology to deliver better communication more effectively.



## Working across the Modes





#### **Customer Contacts**

- 2008/09 dealt with 7m contacts from customers
- The vast majority of which were requests for information
- Each customer service area has its own complaints handling policy
- Freedom of Information and Environmental Information Regulation requests and subject access requests have legal timescales
- In 2008/09:
  - 1,267 FOI and EIR requests
  - 568 cases from London TravelWatch



# Review of current complaints handling process

- The TfL-wide complaints policy is being reviewed
- Workshops were held in August and September to assess what we currently do well, and where there is room for improvement
- Key findings were:
  - The need for a high level strategy, to shape and focus complaints handling
  - The need to have an independent review process when considering escalated complaints
  - The need for a more robust feedback loop so identified issues can be addressed to prevent them from occurring again.
- Further reviews will highlight any additional areas that need to be addressed

#### **Next steps**

- Looking at other possible process improvements
- Involvement of LTW

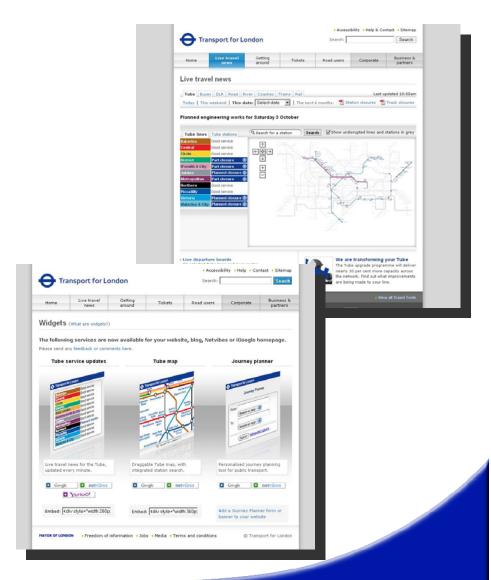
### **Digital Services: Website**



- Over **10m visits** per month
- Over **5m unique users** per month
- Around 90m page views per month
- 68% of Londoners have used the site
- 40+ sites integrated and delivered as a single TfL website
- Compliant with 'AA' accessibility standards and Plain English 'Crystal Mark'
- 89.4% satisfaction rating
- Multiple awards including 'Webby'

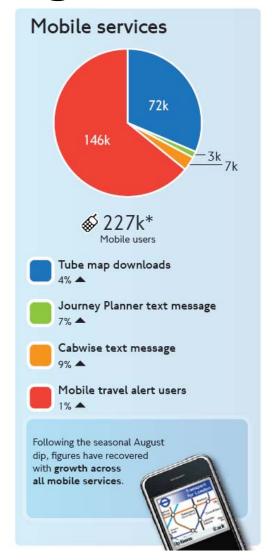
### **Digital Services: Website**

- Website relaunched May 2007 fully integrating all TfL services for the first time
- Based on <u>customer</u> needs and preferences
- Simply and clearly supports key functions
  - Getting a map
  - Planning a journey
  - Checking for disruptions
  - Paying Congestion Charge
  - Buying Oyster
  - Finding fares
- Corporate and partner information separated off away from travel information

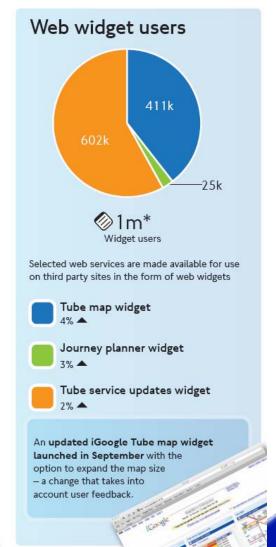




## Digital Services: September Demand







## Questions?

