

On May 6, Londoners will vote for the next Mayor

After the election, the Mayor will have a difficult task guiding London and Transport for London (TfL) out of the pandemic and helping the city and its economy recover. Transport will be at the heart of London's economic recovery when businesses re-open and people start to travel more. London's transport network needs to be a priority, making it accessible, flexible and greener for all that use it.

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WE WANT THE MAYOR TO:

1

Write a new bus strategy for London

WHY? The bus is the most accessible and flexible public transport option for Londoners but passengers have put up with much longer journey times in recent years.

A new bus strategy will work out where people need to go, where different routes are needed, and make sure buses are not slowed down by other traffic.

Quicker, more reliable bus journeys will help get people out of cars. The new Mayor should use the bus strategy to create better bus options in outer London that connect town centres and put in more bus priority measures like bus lanes.

80% TARGET Unless many more people take the bus, the current Mayor's target that 80% of journeys in London are made by walking, cycling or public transport by 2041 **simply won't happen.**



2

Consult, engage and listen to disabled people for every proposed TfL scheme

WHY? We want the Mayor to make door-to-door journeys more accessible for everyone.

This means the views of disabled people need to be included at all stages of transport decision-making.

As a public body, TfL must consider how their actions might impact on disabled people and take steps to improve the accessibility of our streets and public transport.

We think TfL can improve their Equality Impact assessments (EQIA) - a document which weighs up the impacts, positive and negative of proposed changes to our streets and transport services.

Transport for All is a pan-impairment organisation who provide expertise to the transport industry. They have written a plan to improve EQIA's. We want the Mayor to adopt this model to make sure TfL properly include the views of disabled people.



3

Keep the option to pay for journeys in cash at all TfL stations

WHY? Many people in London rely on cash in their day-to-day lives. If TfL want to be inclusive, they need to keep the option to pay for travel with cash.

We want the Mayor to commit to keeping the cash option at all London Underground, DLR and London Overground station ticket offices and machines.

The Mayor also needs to make sure cash payments are brought back as soon as possible at the 200+ Underground, DLR and London Overground stations where it was temporarily removed early in the pandemic.

Our research showed that taking away the cash payment option at TfL stations would have a huge impact on people in London, especially people on low incomes, children or the **260,000** adults in London without a bank account.



4

Keep bus fares as low as possible

WHY? Affordable travel is important for all passengers, but especially for bus users who are often on low incomes.

Keeping bus fares as low as possible is really important to make sure the bus is available for everyone to use and to provide an affordable alternative to a private car.

We are pleased that bus fares have been kept relatively low compared to most other transport options, but the Mayor needs to figure out a long-term plan for making sure bus fares don't go up too much in the future.

For example, the Mayor could promise that bus fares will rise no more than the Retail Price Index (RPI) in the next 4 years, even if funding is tight.

Poverty and inequality have got worse during the pandemic, with older and younger Londoners more likely to be out of work long-term and families struggling due to a loss of income.

