



Transport 2025, Transport Challenges for a growing city

Comments from The South and West London Transport Conference

General

- SWELTRAC welcomes the production of Transport 2025 welcomes the opportunity to comment on TfL's objectives and policies for the future of transport.
- SWELTRAC supports the 3 key objectives identified; supporting sustainable economic development, improving social inclusion and tackling climate change.
- In particular SWELTRAC welcomes the inclusion of Travel Demand Management as one of the key policies to address the effects of population and transport growth.
- With regards to the third policy objective, new capacity, SWELTRAC believe that there should be a greater emphasis on improving orbital bus services, particularly necessary in South West London.
- SWELTRAC supports using transport as tool for social inclusion – this is not simply for access to employment but also for a range of services such as healthcare, education, leisure and religious amenities. Greater consideration could be given to access to healthcare as the NHS is responsible for a significant % of trips within London. Airtrack would also provide a significant benefit for the South West and would provide transport links between important destinations in the region.
- The emphasis on the use of sustainable orbital travel for work trips (and indeed generally) could be increased. Improving orbital transport links to employment hubs within South West London would relieve the pressure on mainline radial services to London and would improve social inclusion generally.
- With regards to the fares policy, the full integration of Oyster services on Network Rail services is an essential part of social inclusion policies – a significant number of the population in South West London are served only by National Rail services.
- SWELTRAC welcomes the commitment from the Mayor for a 60% reduction in Carbon Emissions by 2050.
- SWELTRAC has reviewed the summary from the Borough Officers Event on 26th July and broadly agrees with the comments raised therein.

Specific comments

Inner and Outer London

- The SWELTRAC region covers both inner and outer London boroughs and the challenges these diverse areas face are very different. SWELTRAC considers a greater emphasis could be placed on the distinction between policies for inner and outer boroughs.

Heathrow

- Heathrow is identified as a major employment centre and is also the gateway to the Olympics 2012. The impact of the Olympics on the region could be considered in more detail.
- Heathrow is also identified as a major employment centre – in its LIP Reporting and Funding Submission, SWELTRAC has identified access to Heathrow for both people and freight as a key issue. Links to Heathrow must not only be radial but orbital as well. Residents of South West London must have easy access to the employment hub that is Heathrow and equally encouragement should be given to the prospective residents around the Heathrow area to find employment outside of central London – without sufficient orbital links this will not be possible.

Travel Demand Management

- The document does not mention the Mayor's target of each school having a travel plan in place by 2009.
- Car sharing is not an alternative to private car use; it represents a more efficient use of the car.
- More evidence could be presented to demonstrate the effectiveness of travel demand management measures (TDM), particularly in a London context. The need to link TDM with infrastructure improvements is crucial and an effective scheme should contain both elements.
- Further details could be provided about TDM measures such as how large workplaces are to be encouraged to produce travel plans.

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