City of London
Transport Strategy vision, aims and outcomes

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Foreword

It is my pleasure to present the City of London Corporation’s proposed vision, aims and outcomes for the future of transport and streets in the Square Mile. These summarise our ambitions for improving travel to the City and enhancing the experience of spending time on the Square Mile’s streets. Delivering them will help ensure the continued success of this unique part of London as a place to live, work, learn and visit.

People’s journeys to and around the City must be safe, comfortable and convenient – whether they’re travelling for business, leisure or as part of the daily commute. Our streets must provide an environment that helps attract investment, talent and tourists – with the City of London recognised across the world for a progressive approach to transport that creates streets where everyone can enjoy walking and spending time.

We have made good progress in recent years to change the look and feel of our streets, with the newly completed Aldgate Square being the most recent example. There is undoubtedly more to do. The results of our recent City Streets survey highlighted people’s concerns about the lack of space and priority given to people walking, accessibility, motor traffic volumes, the safety of people cycling and air quality.

The vision, aims and outcomes that are set out over the following pages outline how addressing these concerns can create a Square Mile that looks, feels and works better, even as it grows. More detailed proposals and targets will be published in a draft Transport Strategy later this year.

It is essential that the development of this Strategy is informed by as many voices as possible. I hope you will take part in this consultation and help us prepare a Transport Strategy that truly reflects the wishes of City residents, workers and businesses, and maintains the City of London as the world’s leading place to do business.

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Introduction

The City of London Corporation is currently developing a long-term Transport Strategy for the Square Mile. The Strategy will outline how, over the next 25 years, the use and management of the City’s streets will change and how connections to the City should be improved.

This document sets out the draft vision, aims and outcomes for the Transport Strategy. These summarise our aspirations and will provide the basis for developing detailed proposals and targets that will be published for consultation later this year.

The development of the vision, aims and outcomes has been informed by analysis of transport trends and the results of earlier engagement with the public and organisations with an interest in transport in the Square Mile. Some of the key findings from this analysis and engagement are summarised on the following pages.

We would like to hear your views on the proposed vision, aims and outcomes before finalising the draft Transport Strategy. Is this the future for transport and streets in the Square Mile that you would like to see?

Please visit www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/transportstrategy to complete the consultation survey by Sunday 5 August.
Opportunities and challenges

The number of people working in the Square Mile is expected to grow by 90,000 in the next decade (from 480,000 today to 570,000 by 2028).

90% of on-street journeys that start or finish in the City are entirely or partially walked, including walking to and from public transport.

14% of Londoners consider themselves to have a disability that impacts their day to day activities ‘a lot’ or ‘a little’.

This is expected to rise to 17% by 2030.

93% of commuter travel to the City is by public transport (84%), walking (5%) and cycling (4%).

In 2016, 50 people were killed or seriously injured in traffic collisions on the City’s streets.

In the City, 84% of people think pavements are overcrowded.

60% of people think that people walking are given too small a share of street space.

65% of people think the needs of people walking are underprioritised.

The number of motor vehicles using the Square Mile’s streets has halved since 1999, while the number of people cycling has grown by 292%.

The use of motor vehicles in the City of London produces 57% of NOx emissions, 55% of PM10 and 69% of PM2.5.

In the City, over half (56%) of people who cycle in the City find the experience unpleasant. Overall, three in five people think that people cycling are underprioritised and are given too small a share of street space.

The City Corporation receives over 4,000 requests a year for our streets to be dug up for IT, electricity, water and gas works.

Email strategic.transportation@cityoflondon.gov.uk for references and additional statistical reporting.
Healthy Streets Approach

The Healthy Streets Approach will provide the framework for the City of London Transport Strategy. By adopting this approach, we will place improving people’s health and their experience of using streets at the heart of our transport decision making.

The ten Healthy Streets Indicators (Figure 1) capture the elements that are essential for making streets better places to walk, cycle and spend time, and for supporting social and economic activity. All the outcomes outlined overleaf will contribute to the delivery of Healthy Streets.

Figure 1: Healthy Streets Indicators
(Source: Lucy Saunders)
Draft vision
The Square Mile enjoys world-class connections and streets that inspire and delight.

Draft aims
By delivering this vision we aim to:

- Ensure the Square Mile is accessible to all and an easy, attractive and healthy place to work, live, learn and visit.
- Support the development of the Square Mile as a vibrant global commercial centre and cultural destination.
Draft outcomes

The Square Mile is a great place to walk and spend time
• People will view the City of London’s streets and public spaces as great places to walk and spend time.
• People walking will have their needs prioritised.
• The experience of walking and spending time on our streets will be improved through investment in high quality public realm, street greening and motor traffic reduction.

Our streets are accessible to all
• People of all ages and abilities will be able to travel easily around the Square Mile.
• Barriers to walking, cycling and travelling by public transport will be removed.
• Appropriate vehicle access will be provided for those that need it.

People using our streets and public spaces are safe and feel safe
• Everyone will feel safe when travelling around the Square Mile.
• We will continually strive to reduce road danger and eliminate traffic related death and serious injury (Vision Zero).
• Proportionate security measures will be sensitively incorporated into buildings and the streetscape while enhancing the public realm.

People enjoy a relaxed cycling experience in the Square Mile
• A more diverse range of people will choose to cycle.
• The design and management of streets will enable cycling at a pace that suits the City and make cycling a relaxing and enjoyable way to travel.

The Square Mile is cleaner and quieter
• Carbon emissions and people’s exposure to air and noise pollution will be reduced.
• There will be fewer motor vehicles and those that remain will be smaller, lighter and zero emissions.

Delivery and servicing needs are met in ways that benefit the Square Mile
• Future development and growth will be supported by changing the way that goods are moved around the Square Mile.
• The transport, delivery and servicing requirements of businesses and residents will be met in ways that maximise social, economic and environmental benefits.

Street space is used more fairly and effectively
• The use of streets will be better matched to the priorities of people and businesses.
• Street space will be used more flexibly, recognising that priorities can vary by time of day and seasonally.
• Transformational change will be accelerated through temporary interventions and trialling projects prior to making permanent changes.

Our street network is resilient to changing circumstances
• The impact of planned and unplanned disruption on the movement of people and goods will be minimised.
• Emergency services will be able to respond rapidly to incidents.
• The City’s readiness for a changing climate and extreme weather events will be supported by incorporating sustainable drainage, greener, shade and shelter into our streets.

The Square Mile benefits from better transport connections
• Businesses, residents, workers, learners and visitors will benefit from improved local, national and international connections – particularly improvements to walking, cycling, public transport and freight connectivity.

Emerging transport technologies benefit the Square Mile
• People and businesses will feel that the City has benefited from emerging transport technologies and services.
• Automated vehicles and other new transport technologies and services will work for the City, supporting efforts to reduce motor traffic and deliver inclusive, safe, attractive and vibrant streets.
Have your say

Please visit www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/transportstrategy by Sunday 5 August to provide feedback on the proposed vision, aims and outcomes. Hard copies of this document and the survey can be requested by emailing strategic.transportation@cityoflondon.gov.uk or calling 020 7606 3030.

Several drop-in sessions will be held in late June and early July. These will provide an opportunity to discuss the Transport Strategy with members of the City Corporation’s Strategic Transportation team. See our website www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/transportstrategy for details.

The City of London is also currently consulting on a number of other proposals to create safer and more pleasant streets and a better connected Square Mile.