

# London Manifestos 2016 – Transport Round Up

A city the size of London requires an effective working transport infrastructure, so it is no surprise that alongside housing, planning and investment in the transport network is high amongst the pledges made by candidates vying to be London's next mayor.

Crossrail 2 has received the support from the Conservative and Labour candidates, with Zac Goldsmith confirming the Conservatives would develop a mechanism to capture the windfall in property prices when TfL invests in new infrastructure.

Both Labour and Conservative candidates also agree on the devolution of suburban rail services to TfL control, with Labour's Sadiq Khan pledging to freeze all TfL fares for four years.

Pollution levels in the capital have been targets by all the candidates. Labour would introduce clean bus corridors, and increase the cycling budget prioritising Quietways. The Lib Dems would increase the congestion charge with a higher levy placed on diesel vehicles, whilst the Greens would extend the congestion charge to cover the whole of London.

For HGVs, the Lib Dems would introduce a rush hour ban, whilst Goldsmith has pledged to set new standards on freight delivery, and the Greens would cancel plans for new road-building schemes, and remove vehicles from Oxford Street.

Although the mayoralty does not have control over aviation, the big debate around expansion in the South East could play a part once the Government make a decision on additional capacity. Both Goldsmith and Khan are opposed to Heathrow expansion, but Khan has outlined his support for a second runway at Gatwick. Liberal Democrat candidate Caroline Pidgeon opposes expansion at both Heathrow and Gatwick, alongside London City, but would support the use of larger aircraft to increase capacity.

Whoever wins the contest, the next mayor will inherit a growing population that needs to be transported around the city; challenges for transport networks in how to develop a sustainable future will be at the forefront of the next four years.



Goldsmith would put 500 extra officers on **public transport at night funding by TfL**. Would review perks such as the nominee passes that allow the family members and even housemates of all TfL employees to travel free of charge. (p86)

Would look at possibility of converting some of TfL's recently closed ticket offices into **Police Contact Points** at specified times of the week (p87)

The party pledges to **introduce the Night Tube** and Goldsmith wants to see more police on the Tube at night. (p11)



The party will continue to work with government to secure the **right transport infrastructure** for London. The number one priority is securing the **funding for Crossrail 2** by the end of the mayoral term. (p11)

The party will be lobbying for new powers over **Vehicle Excise Duty**, in order to ease congestion and pollution on the road network. (p11)

The party will develop a mechanism to capture the windfall in property prices when **TfL invests in new infrastructure**. (p11)

Additional mechanisms could fund between a third and half of projects such as the **Sutton Tramlink**. The party aim to extend the Sutton Tramlink from 2018 and will work with government to secure funding for Crossrail 2. (p11)

The party would insist the Government responds to the **Davies Commission** in the summer as promised, any expansion must be within legally binding carbon, noise and air quality limits. (p11)

The Conservatives will create a Boris Bike equivalent for electric cars. (p64)

**Cleaner van and car choices** for Londoners will be rolled out in tandem with the **Ultra-Low Emission** Zone. (p64)

**The Boris Bike Scheme** will be integrated into the TfL payment system so bikes can be quickly and easily hired using an Oyster card or contactless payment. The Conservatives will also consult on of **extending the scheme to outer London boroughs**. (p64)

The delivery of the **Cycle Super Highways** and the Quietways programme will continue to be supported. (p64)

**Road safety** will be a priority. The Conservatives will undertake TfL's programme to upgrade the 33 most dangerous junctions in London as well as take action on dangerous trucks. (p64)

The Conservatives aim to deliver the **Northern Line extension to Battersea by 2020** as well as extend **the London Overground to Barking Riverside** by the same date. (p66)

The **transport network** will be expanded to reach **brownfield sites** in order to 'unlock' land for new homes. (p67)

TfL land will be used to provide **discounted business space for start-ups** as well as the creation of 30,000 starter homes. (p67)

The party will make litter picking part of the **Earn Your Travel** back scheme for under-18s who have to earn back confiscated free travel. (p27)

The Conservatives back a new, **privately-financed river crossing at Silvertown**, with two lanes in each direction; one reserved for HGVs and busses (p55)

Goldsmith supports devolution of suburban rail services (p56)

Goldsmith proposed the **roll out of Wi-Fi and mobile signal onto the Tube** through TfL's 560km of railway routes, tunnels and bridges. Broadband for London will be set up to deliver this (p56)



He will conduct a review into the bus network, whilst working with boroughs to protect the Freedom Pass, and the introduction of 'clean bus corridors' (p58/62)

Goldsmith commits to using "every tool" at TfL's disposal to bring in new money and keep fares down (p58)

Goldsmith will set new standards on freight delivery as part of the London Plan (p59)

The Conservatives support choice and competition, but needs to ensure there is a distinction between **black cabs and private hire vehicles**. Private hire vehicles can only expand their fleet with zero emission vehicles. All new black cabs will be zero emission by 2018. (p59/62)

Goldsmith seeks new powers from the Government to **cab licences**, and **vehicle excise duty** (p60/62)



Labour will secure **Crossrail 2, Bakerloo line and London Overground extensions**, as well as new river crossings, and move on to discussions about Crossrail 3 and new orbital links. (p15)

Labour will back a **second runway at Gatwick** and review Boris Johnson's decision on London City. (p15)

Labour will seek additional fundraising powers from the Government for **major infrastructure projects**. (p15)

A Labour mayor will consult on bringing forward the **Ultra-Low Emission Zone** and expanding it along major arterial routes or a wider section of central London. (p63)

The party will introduce **clean bus corridors** and set a target of only buying **clean electric or hydrogen buses** from 2020 (p64)

The party will deliver electric charging infrastructure (p64)

A Labour mayor will oppose the construction of a third runway at Heathrow (p64)

A Labour mayor would call upon the Government to introduce a **diesel vehicle scrappage scheme** to support those who wish to change to a greener car (p64)

The party will intend to **consult on all future transport and planning matters**, especially with people with disabilities. (p57)



The party wish to **improve accessibility** at rail and tube stations and make sure transport workers understand the needs of disabled passengers. Labour also want to ensure **Dial-a-Ride and Taxicard** continue to provide support for those less able to get around. (p57)

Labour will freeze all TfL fares for four years, and introduce a one hour bus ticket (p30)

Continue to guarantee the Freedom Pass and over-60s Oyster card (p30)

# Transport for London

Labour plan to merge engineering functions within TfL (p31)

By reducing consultants and agency staff, Labour will aim to cut the costs on this in half (p31)

Labour will look to **establish a trading arm** to run bus and other local transport services, and sell TfL expertise at home and abroad. (p31)

# Increase the cycling budget and prioritise Quietways (p32)

The party will promote cleaner lorries, using City Hall procurement to set new safety standards, moving towards contracts specifying 'direct-vision' lorries. (p32)

Labour will establish **safe walking routes** including **reducing street and pavement clutter** and encourage the **roll out of 20mph zones** across the city (p33)

# Labour support Crossrail 2 with potential plans for a Crossrail 3 and Bakerloo line extension (p34)

Khan will encourage more competition in the bus sector (p34)

Labour will push for TfL to take over more commuter rail routes (p34)

Support a second runway at Gatwick and oppose a third runway at Heathrow (p35)

Labour will ensure that markets for **licensed taxi drivers and for private hire drivers are fair** - with special privileges built in, for those who become a licensed London taxi driver (p35)

Labour will prioritise the delivery of **new river crossings, maintain current congestion charge prices**, and **reduce the number of large lorries** on the roads. (p36)



# <u>Waterways</u>

The Liberal Democrats will better **promote and integrate river and tube services** and improve signage and online tools which promote the rover services. (p43)

London's **canal system** will be developed and expanded to accommodate more freight traffic and increase leisure use. (p43)



The position of river services champion will be created on the TfL Board. (p43)

## Tunnels and bridges

The Liberal Democrats will support the **Brunel Bridge** crossing between Rotherhithe and Canary Wharf. (p44)

The **Gospel Oak to Barking Overground line** will be extended beyond Barking Riverside to the cross the river to Abbey Wood station. (p44)

The **Woolwich Ferry service** will enjoy extended opening hours and river services to Rotherhithe and Convoys Wharf will be expanded. (p44)

Plans for the Garden Bridge and Silvertown Tunnel will be opposed. (p44)

#### <u>Aviation</u>

The Liberal Democrats **oppose expansion of Heathrow, Gatwick and London City airports**, as well as runway alternation plans and increasing the number of night flights over London. (p45)

The party will support the **use of larger aircraft** where appropriate to increase capacity and reduce congestion at airports. (p45)

The party will work closer with central Government to develop **alternative forms of travel** and invest in the rail network and high speed rail, including links to airports including Stanstead. (p45)

#### <u>Buses</u>

The party will with sponsors and commercial providers to roll **out free wifi** on busses and at bus stops. (p34)

Increase the number of **electric single decker buses** in the London fleet and expand the planned trial for double deck electric buses. (p37)

Trial a scheme to allow night buses to stop on requests closer to passengers' final destinations (p28)

#### <u>Railway</u>

Campaign for a fair share of money from the Government's programme to make **stations more accessible to the disabled**. (p34)

#### Transport Investment

The Lib Dems will issue a **London Transport Bond**, open to both the City and Londoners, to boost transport investment. (p35)

The party will **transfer TfL's assets like stations** and vacant land into a dedicated London Property Agency which will be tasked with improving both their current operations and releasing assets where necessary, returning any profits back into the transport system. (p35)



# **Emissions and Pedestrianisation**

Pressure foreign embassies and diplomatic missions to pay unpaid congestion charges. (p35)

**Ultra-Low Emission Zones** will be brought forward two years to 2018, by 2024 small and medium sized diesel vehicles will not be allowed to enter these zones. (p37)

The Liberal Democrats would introduce **charges for diesel vehicles** entering Low Emission Zones by 2024 and will add a £2.50 diesel levy to the Congestion Charge central zone. (p37)

Will explore with manufacturers the setting up of a subsidy scheme to reduce the upfront capital costs for drivers needing to **convert to electric vehicles.** (p37)

Support local travel-to-work plans, using public transport and cycling. (p34)

Pedestrianise parts of Central London – from Trafalgar Square to Oxford Street. The party would temporarily **pedestrianise streets** over the summer to encourage walking. (p39)

## Transport for London

Consult **Oystercard holders** on how the network is run to make transport bosses more accountable. (p36)

Appoint ordinary Londoners to TfL's project teams. (p36)

The party will refer **industrial disputes**, when negotiations have broken down, to binding independent arbitration. (p36)

The Lib Dems welcome the progress in bringing **suburban railways** under TfL control and will create a genuinely integrated London Commuter Service. (p36)

# <u>Taxis</u>

Speed up the **shift to electric taxis** through TfL bulk purchases (p37) and lease/sell the new zero emission capable taxis to ensure their uptake – whilst also improving rapid charing infrastructure to allow them to operate effectively. (p38)

Double the number of compliance officers by 2017 to ensure **private hire vehicle** (PHV) drivers are qualified and adhere to regulations, whilst exploring the case for capping the number of PHVs. (p38) Ensure PHV drivers accept passengers with guide dogs. (p38)

# Retain access to bus lanes by black cabs. (p38)

# Walking

Improve signage to highlight journeys that are quicker by foot than on the tube. (p39)

Introduce incentives to **encourage walking** and set ambitious targets to encourage walking to school. (p39)



Increase support for schemes like **London's Greenways**, making them more attractive to use for recreational activities. (p39)

Invest in the renewal of town centres to create **walkable neighbourhoods** and improve crossings in London that are unsafe for the **visually impaired**. (p39)

<u>Roads</u>

Extend 20mph speed limits and ensure proper enforcement. (p39)

Introduce a rush hour ban on HGVs. (p41)

# Cycling

Continue to support the **cycle superhighways** and also speed up the implementation of quietways. (p41)

The party would extend 'mini-Holland' projects, while learning the lessons about public engagement from the current schemes. (p41)

They would increase the **budget for cycling infrastructure** to 3 per cent of the TfL budget and ensure that money is spent. (p41)

Immediately review all **major junctions and roundabouts** to improve safety, including giving cyclists priority at junctions. (p41)

# Introduce segregated cycle lanes where practicable. (p41)

They would support a **new pedestrian and cycling crossing** between Rotherhithe and Canary Wharf. (p41)

Provide support for people **looking to start cycling**, including cycle safety training, with every person attending a training course entitled, through sponsorship, to discounts on safety gear. (p41)

Support the **use of cycle hire schemes** by expanding its coverage, extend contactless payments to the scheme, increasing the annual membership fee for non-Londoners and celebrate key events with 'limited edition' bikes. (p42)



The party would achieve flat fares by 2025 (p8)

They would create a **new 'ONE Ticket'** so you pay to get where you are going, not each stage of the journey, changing between any buses, trains and tubes along the way. (p8)

They would ensure a lower rate for **daily pay-as-you-go caps** to match the savings made on monthly travelcards. (p8)



The party would integrate payments for **bike hire and car clubs** with public transport to make registration an automatic part of the system.

Bike hire will be free with a Freedom Pass or 60+ card and discounted with Zip cards. (p8)

Begin consultation on a replacement for the **congestion charge** to cover the whole of London and based on three key principles: levels of pollution from the vehicle, the distance driven and the time of day and type of road used. (p9)

Introduce a **higher congestion charge** for all but the cleanest vehicles in central London, to create a Very Low Emission Zone. (p12)

The party would ensure a stronger, **Londonwide ULEZ**, developed alongside the new congestion charging scheme to start in 2019 at the latest. (p9)

Work with London boroughs to increase **car club parking** to match the potential for these services. We will aim for one million car club members by 2020. (p9)

The Greens will push for more **freight and waste** to be shipped on rivers and canals, creating a strategy for carrying more deliveries, parcels and post by bike. (p9)

By 2018, the party will introduce a **levy on workplace parking spaces**, with higher rates for central and inner London and a lower rate for outer London. (p9)

The party will take steps to regulate the growing number of private hire vehicles. (p9)

The Greens will **cancel plans** for new road-building schemes, including river crossings and new road tunnels. (p9)

The party will fully implement **Healthy Streets and Lifetime Neighbourhoods** principles in all aspects of London's spatial and transport planning. (p9)

They will introduce funding for **better street play areas** for young people, with rat-running reduced by closing off roads, and parklets and play streets. (p9)

# Cycling

The party will complete Transport for London's current cycling vision and superhighway plans. (p10)

They will increase funding for **major cycling projects** and ensure they are all of a high quality, with safe junctions. They will support major walking and cycling infrastructure projects, such as the planned pedestrian/cycle bridge from Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf. (p10)

The Greens would bring in 'Car-Free Sundays', starting with an expanding area of the West End, and encourage all London boroughs to follow suit in their town centres. (p10)

They would permanently remove motor vehicles from Oxford Street as soon as possible. (p10)

The party would expand the **Cycle Hire scheme** and test the viability of expanding it into outer London boroughs or creating new town centre hubs. (p10)



They would expand **cycle training in schools** and prioritise improvements to the road network around them to enable 100,000 more children to cycle to school. (p10)

# Public transport

The Greens would review the **long-term infrastructure plan** to 2050, ensuring more investment was made in new rail links, trams, light rail services and rapid bus routes to improve connectivity.(p10)

They will increase **bus capacity** on overcrowded routes and ensure capacity on the wider network grows to meet demand.(p10)

The party will support **new public transport projects** with strong local campaigns behind them, including the Sutton tram extension, the Bakerloo line extension and an Overground link from Barking to Abbey Wood.(p10)

They will support **Crossrail 2** in principle but work to ensure that the route and new stations are in the best position for as many Londoners as possible to benefit.(p10)

The Greens would take all **privatised commuter rail services** under Transport for London's wing, running them for the public good not private profit. (p10)

They party would **review bus driver training** with the involvement of older and disabled people's groups. (p11)

They would ensure all buses have the **best possible access**, including working with bus manufacturers and making procurement decisions by working closely with older people, parents and disabled people's organisations. (p11)

The Greens would commission an independent audit of ways to **improve accessibility** on the tube and rail networks. (p11)

They would introduce a **20mph default speed limit** on all Transport for London roads. (p12)

Reinstate the **road user hierarchy**, putting pedestrians and those with disabilities at the top and private car travel at the bottom of priorities for schemes such as junction improvements. (p12)

The party would update and improve London's Transport Health Action Plan.(p12)

Support the extension of the **Confidential Incident Reportin**g and Analysis System (CIRAS) to coaches and heavy goods vehicles in London.(p12)

The party would develop the **use of speed limiters** and journey data recorders on all vehicles working for Transport for London.(p12)

They would increase and improve **traffic law enforcement**, including training of police and TfL staff and monitor the impact of transport law enforcement on people walking and cycling.(p12)

They would **install countdown signals** at all major junctions and review traffic lights. They would also introduce a rush hour construction lorry ban (as a condition of planning and effectively enforced), and a **rush hour HGV ban**. (p12)



From 2016 the Greens would ensure all GLA Group **procurement** insists on direct vision cabs and HGV safety technology, extending this by 2018 to all lorries operating in London.(p12)

The party would risk assess regulated routes for HGVs in London. (p12)

They support the **London Freight Enforcement Partnership** to take dangerous lorries off our streets. (p12)

## Road vehicles

Accelerate the programme of **replacing diesel buses with hybrids and electric vehicles,** ensuring the entire fleet is moved to these technologies by 2020 at the latest and that the Ultra Low Emission Zone can be extended to all of London without affecting bus services.

Maintain and **extend scrappage grants and loan schemes** for black cab drivers so that all their vehicles are zero-emissions capable by 2018

The greens would bring **legal action against car makers** for cheating on their emissions tests and misleading all of us about the pollution caused by our vehicles.

They party would begin consultation immediately on **introducing emergency traffic-reduction measures** to protect Londoners from the worst air pollution days we currently experience. (p13)

The party would lobby Government for a **scrappage scheme for diesel vehicles**, and for changes to Vehicle Excise Duty and the new Roads Fund to encourage reduced car ownership or a switch to low-or zero-emission vehicles. (p13)

The party would put much **stronger car-free housing policies in the London Plan** to support the trend for lower car ownership in both inner and outer London. (p13)

They would ensure all **planning applications** are air quality neutral, requiring new developments to reduce air pollution in the most heavily polluted areas. (p13)

They would **oppose all road and airport expansion** and put together proposals for City Airport to be closed and replaced with a new quarter for homes and businesses. (p13)

The party would revisit plans for the '**New Bus for London'** to explore a number of newer, more accessible, higher-capacity and cleaner versions of the new design, more suitable for Londoners' varied needs. (p13)

They would ensure the **electric car charging network** is properly maintained and funded and aim to expand it to provide 25,000 charging points across London. The Greens would develop more electric vehicle charging networks for vans, car clubs and private cars in local areas in collaboration with local councils. (p13)

Ensure that **air pollution** is monitored and properly publicise the data so that people can better protect their health, for example by cutting car use and avoiding outdoor exercise when there is high pollution. (p13)

The party would help to develop and install more continuous monitoring equipment. (p13)



They would make sure all schools, retirement homes and day-care centres able to develop **air pollution action plans** to respond to high pollution episodes. (p13)



UKIP would end the anomaly of paying for multiple bus journeys, by **introducing a 90 minute ticket**. (p8)

End the right of electric cars to use bus lanes. (p8)

UKIP supports the 24 hour tube, and will extend this to a seven day operation. (p9)

The party call for a **harmonisation of bus lanes**, oppose 20mph lanes, and cap the number of events that require road closures. (p9)

UKIP would introduce **English tests for all PHV drivers and impose the congestion charge on such vehicles**. (p10)

UKIP support the devolution of Southeastern, South West and Thameslink services to TfL. (p10)

The party support Crossrail 2, if backed by local residents, and continue to oppose HS2. (p10)

Support the **extension of Santander cycles**, and would allow the use of Oyster cards on the service. (p11)

Whittle supports the creation of a new pedestrian cycle bridge at Woolwich Ferry. (p11)

UKIP will oppose the expansion of Heathrow, supporting Gatwick. (p11)