

Airport Transport Forum Meeting Notes

Friday 17th December 2021, 2 pm. Online meeting

Attendance

Jane Stewart, LCA
Duncan Ayles, LBN
Richard Storer, Crossrail
Will Layton, KAD
Adesola Fagbenro, KAD

Thishan Rajendram, Community
Representative (RDLAC)
Theca Meijer, Community
Representative

Apologies

Tim Hally, LCA

Susan Watt, DfT

Copied

Anderea Sperini, British Airways
Paul Surridge, TfL
Scott Derben, RODMA
Murray Woodburn, LBN
Damien Norman, ExCel
Marcus Adams, TfL
Darren Brown, LCY taxi co-ordinator
Martin Davies, LCY Landside Security

Shamal Ratnayaka, TfL
Bob Tong, Lendlease
Chris Abel, Tate & Lyle
Suzi Lane, Royal Docks Team
Sean McKee, London Chamber of
Commerce
Tim Aldenham (GLA)

Items

No.	Note	Action
1.	Welcome and announcements	
1.1	Jane Stewart (JS) from LCA Planning welcomed all to the ATF and introduced the agenda. Attendees introduced each other as JS and Duncan Ayles (DA) from LBN were new to the Forum.	
1.2	Tim Halley (TH) from LCA and Susan Watt (SW) from TfL sent their apologies.	
1.3	TH asked JS to stand in as the meeting Chair because he was unable to attend on this occasion.	
2.	Airport Business update	
2.1	Members updated as per page 3 of the accompanying slide pack.	
2.2	JS updated members on passenger numbers, which continue to be significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Figures show a steady increase since the summer with levels around	LCA

	145,000 in November. Unfortunately, this growth may be hampered by the new Omicron variant and the possibility of further government and international travel restrictions. Passenger numbers will continue to be reviewed and will be reported back to the Forum at the next meeting.	
2.3	William Layton (WL) KAD asked if LCA could provide passenger number figures on a month basis for 2021 and 2019 to help them ascertain differences in demand on the DLR. JS agreed to provide the data breakdown.	LCA
3.	Airport Operations update	
3.1	Update as per page 4 -5 of the accompanying slide pack.	
3.2	JS confirmed that all Covid secure operating facilities and procedures remain in place, including the temporary testing facility.	
4.	Surface Access update	
4.1	Update as per page 7-12 of the accompanying slide pack.	
4.2	JS confirmed Covid-19 has continued to impact on how people travel to and from the airport. Pre-pandemic (Q1 2020) the figures for passengers travelling by DLR (64%) were almost on track to meet the 2022 interim target of 66%. The pandemic and government restrictions has resulted in Q3 2021 being 49%. WL agreed that cabs were being used more often.	
4.3	JS noted that some measures and timescales outlined in the Travel Plan would need to be reviewed given the significant short-term impacts of the pandemic. She explained that it was difficult to establish any real trends due to the significantly reduced passenger numbers and Covid restrictions and that data will continue to be collected through 2021 and 2022 to inform these discussions. This data will be reported back to the Forum.	LCA
4.4	JS confirmed an Employee Travel Survey had been prepared to update the 2019 survey. Due to the ongoing pandemic this will be undertaken in 2022 at a suitable time once current work from home and government restrictions are lifted. It was noted that the pandemic may impact trends in staff travel. The results will be reported and reviewed with the Forum.	LCA
4.5	JS advised LCA will promote the use of public and sustainable transport as the UK recovers from the pandemic and will seek to utilise the support of service providers to advise and reassure passengers and employees public transport is Covid safe. WL confirmed TfL will support getting a consistent message across to encourage people back to using public transport.	
4.6	JS confirmed LCA will be monitoring the use and power needs of the trial electric charging points. This will inform the installation	LCA

	requirements of additional charging points with regards to energy demand. Updates will be reported to the Forum.	
	<u>Update Note:</u> The electric charging scheme went live on 16 February 2022. The link below provides further information: Aviation Minister Welcomes London City's Electric Car Charging Commitment - London City Airport: Mediaroom	
4.7	The Airport Surface Access Strategy (ASAS) 5 year review will be undertaken in 2022. JS outlined the proposed process (shown on slides 11 and 12) and confirmed a transport consultancy will be commissioned to facilitate and support the review. The scope of the review will be presented to the Forum to agree, including any appropriate topic based workshops to focus on specific issues.	LCA
4.8	JS noted that LCA's Travel Plan is also to be reviewed in 2022 and this will be informed by the ASAS review.	
5.	Member Updates	
5.1	Richard Storer (RS) updated members that the trial operations are ongoing on the Elizabeth Line with a possibility of fully opening the line to passengers Q1/Q2 2022.	
6.	Open Discussion	
6.1	JS advised that TH would welcome consideration of setting up separate workshops on specific topics that would feed back into the main Forum meetings. WL considered this would be a good idea. LCA will consider the potential workshop groups for discussion at the next meeting.	LCA
6.2	JS noted that the London Borough of Newham Local Plan Refresh has been published for public consultation, the closing date of which was that day (17 December 2021).	
7.	AOB	
7.1	No further issues raised.	
8.	Date of next meeting	
8.1	TBC, February 2022	
	<u>Update Note:</u> The Employee Travel Survey has not yet commenced because government restrictions were not lifted until late January 2022 and some people are still working from home. The timing of the survey is being considered and a meeting date of 30 March 2022 is being proposed to provide time for the survey to hopefully have commenced, enabling feedback to be provided to Members at the next Forum (even if not fully completed). The next meeting will therefore be 30 March 2022 , commencing at 2pm.	