

Airport Transport Forum Meeting Notes

Monday 30 May 2022, Online meeting

Attendance

Tim Halley, LCA

Jane Stewart, LCA

Chris Abel, Tate & Lyle

Marcus Adams, TfL

Leanne Martin, TfL

Murray Woodburn, LBN

Joe Smith, LBN

Richard Storer, Crossrail

Liam King, TfL

Lisa Martin, Steer

Apologies

Duncan Ayles, LBN

Anderea Sperini, British Airways

Rikki Pluck, LCY Landside Security

William Layton

Copied

Paul Surridge, TfL

Scott Derben, RODMA

Darren Brown, LCY taxi co-ordinator

Shamal Ratnayaka, TfL

Bob Tong, Lendlease

Suzi Lane, Royal Docks Team

Sean McKee, London Chamber of
Commerce

Sam Barnard, GLA)

Theca Meijer, Community
Representative

Thishan Rajendram, Community
Representative

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.	
1.2	Attendees introduced each other as Joe Smith (LBN Sustainability Transport Obligation Co-ordinator), Leanne Martin (TfL) and Liam King (TfL Aviation Team) were new to the meeting.	
1.3	JS introduced Lisa Martin from Steer (a transport planning consultancy), who had been invited to attend to discuss the airport's ASAS review and Travel Plan update LCA have commissioned them to undertake.	
1.4	JS noted the apologies given.	
2.0	Minutes and Actions from last meeting	
2.1	There were no comments on the minutes to the last meeting.	

2.2	JS confirmed she has sent Willaim Layton the month by month passenger data for 2019 and 2021. She confirmed updates with regards to the other actions are included in the slide presentation.	
3.	Airport Business update	
3.1	Members updated as per page 3 of the accompanying slide pack.	
3.2	JS updated Members the total passenger numbers for 2021 was just under 714,000, compared to 5.1 million in 2019. The reduced number is due to the pandemic. Since restrictions were lifted earlier in the year there has been a strong week on week growth and in April the airport handled 256,000 passengers. Airlines have responded by expanding their schedules and adding rotations. In March 60% of passengers were travelling on business, pointing to the recovery of business use. For the summer schedule, the airlines are reporting strong forward bookings on the leisure routes.	
3.3	TH advised the general outlook is a lot more positive than it was. He noted that it will be interesting to see whether the pattern of business and leisure travel will change over time, for example, whether companies have changed their working practices because of the pandemic. Overall LCA are expecting to potentially serve somewhere between 2.5/3 million passengers this year.	
4.	Transport – challenges and performance 2021	
4.1	Update as per page 5-8 of the accompanying slide pack.	
4.2	JS confirmed Covid-19 has continued to impact on how people travel to and from the airport and this has impacted on delivery of surface access targets. It was noted that passenger travel by public and sustainable transport modes was 67% in Q1 2022 compared to 75% pre-pandemic. The target for 2022 is 72%. DLR use was 48%, which was significantly lower than the 64% pre-pandemic level. The target for 2022 is 66%.	
4.3	TH explained that the initial data for 2022 shows public confidence in using public transport is returning. The slow incremental return to DLR as the favoured mode of transport to the airport is encouraging and the Q2 data will better reflect any increase, as Government restrictions were still in place in earlier parts of Q1.	
5.0	Strategic Focus for 2022	
5.1	Update as per pages 9-10 of the accompanying slide pack.	
5.2	JS confirmed the priority was recovery from the pandemic. The airport will promote use of public and sustainable transport and the use of hybrid and electric vehicles. It was confirmed that the installed electric charging points are being well used. She confirmed the airport are reviewing the feasibility of installing	

	Brompton Bike Hire facility, that LBN have Levelling Up funding for.	
5.3	Richard Storer (RS) was invited by TH to give an update on the opening of the Elizabeth line (notes of which are recorded under the Members Update section).	
5.4	TH confirmed the airport would still like an Elizabeth line station at Silvertown, for airport and other users in the Royal Docks. They are considering updating the feasibility study that was progressed in 2015/16 and will seek to engage with the Royal Docks team and set up a Working Group to look at this. This would look at the business case and potential deliverability of a station over the longer term, and how it can be constructed without affecting the operation of the Elizabeth Line. Chris Abel (CA) noted Tate and Lyle would welcome a closer station and expressed an interest to be involved.	LCA
5.5	JS confirmed an Employee Travel Survey is underway and the results will be reported back to the next ATF. Interim results show a 30% response rate, no change in car use from previous years and a lot of people would consider car sharing.	LCA
6.0	Review if Surface Access Strategy and Travel Plan	
6.1	Update as per page 11 of the accompanying slide pack.	
6.2	JS outlined the proposals to do a review of the ASAS this year and to produce a new ASAS in 2025 (when it expires). The review can reflect on any impacts of the pandemic. This approach has been agreed with LBN and she invited ATF Members to comment, none were made. The procedure for agreeing the ASAS review with ATF Members was discussed and it was agreed to provide an Executive Summary, as well as the full document for review and comment when it is ready.	
6.3	JS invited Lisa Martin (LS) to discuss the Airport Surface Access Strategy (ASAS) review and Travel Plan update.	
6.4	LS advised Steer will undertake a factual review of the commitments made in the ASAS in 2017, their progress and what remains to be done. She recognised it is a time of change and will take into account any impacts of the pandemic. A short public facing document will be produced that will be sent to ATF Members for review prior to finalising.	LCA/Steer
6.5	The Travel Plan will be updated and a new document produced, as the current version expires in 2022. LS confirmed Steer will use the available data to understand what travel modes passengers and staff are using to get to the airport and the time of day they travel. She invited any ATF Members to advise if they are interested in getting involved in a Sub-Working Group. LCA and LBN are to meet separately to discuss the scoping of the update.	LCA/ Steer
7.	Member Updates	

7.1	RS confirmed the Elizabeth line opened 6.30am 24 th May and has been a roaring success with over a million passengers in the last five days. A lot of people will be trying it out just because it is there but a significant amount of users, who normally use other modes of transport, are now switching to the Elizabeth line. He noted that they we are only operating 6 days a week until the autumn and have a closure on the weekend of 11 th /12 th to do another update on the signalling software. Reliability during the last week was about 97%. which he commented was very good for a brand new system.	
7.2	TH acknowledged it was fantastic to see the Elizabeth Line open. He confirmed from LCA's perspective it will be interesting to see how passenger movement and modal choice will shift and whether or not it impacts how people utilise the airport going forwards. The airport will focus on ensuring passengers understand the best ways to use the Elizabeth line to travel to City Airport. For example, utilising the new 10 minute bus route from Custom House, which TH noted was helpful but the airport would like it to be more frequent. TH also advised the airport will also look at opportunities to promote connectivity via Stratford, Canary Wharf and DLR and will monitor passenger use in connecting services over the coming months so it can target specific needs. The airport are also considering a potential shuttle bus service if the demand is there to help passenger usage and would welcome discussing with TfL and LBN. It also has the potential to improve the journey for those who do want to walk and cycle to and from Custom House across to City Airport.	LCA
7.3	Leanne Martin gave an update on the DRL's rolling stock and improvement programme over the next 10 years (a slide presentation is attached with the minutes). She advised the new stock will be delivered into UK early 2023 and are expected to be in service late 2023. In addition, the Bexton depot is being expanded to facilitate the new stock and Poplar will also be improved. A request has been made for 11 new trains and HIF funding is pending. The extension from Bexton to Thamesmead is also expected to be undertaken during this timeframe	
7.4	TH raised a query regarding the 33% increase in capacity and LM clarified this related to the new rolling stock compared to existing stock.	
7.5	LM asked if capacity would be increased by extending the opening hours. TH noted airport have been asking for a long time, due to shift patterns of staff. LM advised she was just looking at stock and will enquire about running times and report back.	LM
7.6	CA asked about the Thames Wharf DLR station near Silvertown	

	tunnel. TfL advised it is still being worked and although there was currently no timeline it is still the intention to deliver it but it is a few years away.	
8.	AOB	
8.1	No further issues raised.	
9.	Date of next meeting	
9.1	TBC	