

Foreword by Transport for London

This LCN+ Annual Report is to inform project partners and stakeholders of the progress over the financial year 2005/06.

The estimated completed length at April 2006 is 495km. This is the extent of the network that is completed to a standard that is considered to be acceptable.

The CRISP study continues to be the basis of network appraisal, scheme initiation and Link completion.

CRISP studies have been commissioned on approximately 700kms of the network, and 340kms of CRISP studies have been completed. It is anticipated that all Links (except c.50km) will have been commissioned by the end of 2006/07. By the end of 2007/08, 900kms of network will have been assessed through the CRISP process.

Last year we reported plans to review the scope, cost and delivery of the project based on the recommendations and costs contained in the available completed CRISP reports. This work identified time and cost scenarios for completion of the network which will be used to inform the development of the updated TfL Business Plan in autumn 2006.

As a complementary piece of work, the identification and initial assessment of Barriers to Completion of the network has been undertaken. This report will be distributed by TfL to the respective highway authorities towards the end of 2006. The next stage is for them to develop schemes for the removal of each barrier.

Discussions have been held with delivery partners to develop a framework for assessing the level of completion of a Link on the network. The primary reference for acceptance will be CRISP report recommendations.

The outcomes of the TRL Infrastructure Review Action (TIRA) report have been integrated to

the working methods for the delivery of this project, including:

- New procedures and standards to underpin successful scheme delivery on the TLRN
- Piloting of new consultation guidelines for improved stakeholder involvement in TLRN schemes (roll-out planned)
- Additional resources for the project management services of Camden and TfL

The London Assembly has undertaken a scrutiny of the LCN+ project and their report has been published. Arising from this, funding was brought forward to increase the budget in 2006/07 to £12.5M.

The project focus is increased delivery of schemes, driven by the 'barriers to completion', the structured delivery of CRISP recommendations and Asset Management work on Links where discrete schemes are not required.

Contributions to the completion of this network will be encouraged and facilitated by TfL in the following ways:

- Training for designers and decision makers based on the London Cycling Design Standards
- Working with partners and developers
- Guiding and briefing planners and traffic managers

TfL, working in partnership with highway authorities, will provide information about specific cycling schemes, LCN+ network development, and the benefits of cycling in London.

LCN+ will move from building schemes to providing a coherent and robust network.

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