

Review by the Project Manager

This is the fourth annual report on the LCN+ project and reports on activities for the period 1st April 2005 to 31st March 2006. During this period it is estimated that the LCN+ project contributed to the completion of 495km of the intended network.

The Borough Programme delivered schemes to standard against allocation (£9.79M) making full use of the available funding with a final out-turn of £10.04M. In addition to this the TfL Area Teams have implemented £1.43M worth of schemes on the TLRN. Therefore a total of £11.47M was spent on the LCN+ project over 2005/06.

In this report we have again given the Borough Officers the scope to present the achievements of their boroughs throughout 2005/06. Many boroughs have expanded their teams over this period and brought in external help to cope with the demands of the expanding programme.

The barriers to delivery highlighted in 2005/06 are currently being discussed at high levels and I would like to thank all the Borough Officers and TfL Area Teams for their input. The assessment has highlighted some significant infrastructure barriers across the network that need to be planned now for resolution by 2009/10. A clear commitment by boroughs and TfL Area Teams is essential for this to happen.

We have also undertaken a major process review in 2005/06 culminating in the development of the Network Completion System. This will not only provide us with an accurate and detailed picture of the network as a whole but also offers the opportunity of collating all our financial, scheme, progress and reporting requirements into a single system.

The Design Check Procedure now forms a vital component of our quality assurance checks. Our Sector teams performed 65 design checks whilst providing input into many more via progress and design meetings.

The Borough Officer and Consultants workshops were also very well received and gave us an opportunity to share views on project information and procedures in a constructive and lively forum.

The implementation of traffic signal schemes was challenging in 2005/06 for both the boroughs and TfL Area Teams. Forward planning of signal schemes across an 18 month period will remain a key factor and effective project management and planning for these schemes will be required.

The CRISP programme has seen some significant progress in 2005/06 and we will see the finalisation of the vast majority of the remaining studies in 2006/07. The CRISP process has greatly improved the development and programming of schemes and given boroughs a clear picture of what they need to do to implement their section of the LCN+.

Keeping the network at an acceptable service level for cyclists will remain a key focus with the Asset Management Initiative becoming a cornerstone of the project rolling out across the city.

As a result of this effective project management, authority engagement and continuing political support from the Mayor of London, LCN+ funding levels for the borough programme have increased from £9.79M in 2005/06 to £12.50m in 2006/07. This support and funding increase has been echoed for the TLRN LCN+ programme, with allocations rising from £1.43M in 2005/06 to £1.92M in 2006/07.

As the project accelerates towards completion I would like to thank all the partners and stakeholders for the commitment, investment and hard work that they have put into making the project a success and improving conditions for cyclists across London.

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