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Dear All

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I am writing to provide an update on progress of the TfL/London TravelWatch South London Line options study.

Many thanks to those of you that provided comments on the long list and scoring methodology, which have been considered and incorporated where possible. We have now met with London TravelWatch to discuss the feedback provided and the progress that TfL has made in applying the scoring criteria to the long list. Given the volume of requests to consider direct links to London Bridge, it has been agreed that TfL will undertake some further work to review the feasibility of retaining the South London Line (one of the long-listed options) with Network Rail and DfT, before completing the scoring and short-listing process.

In light of the additional time it will take to complete this work, we are now proposing to hold the first meeting on 24 November (as opposed to October as stated in our initial letter). We will report back on the outcome of the above work at this meeting.

This invitation has been sent to local MPs and Assembly Members, Local Authorities, a representative from the local user (and campaign) groups, and local business representative groups. We are working jointly with London TravelWatch as the statutory consumer representative body for all passengers and transport users in London and we have been engaging with local groups, who are also working closely with their elected representatives.

The agenda for this meeting will be as follows:

- * An update on the progress of the study to date
- * Presentation of the feedback provided and how this has been addressed
- * Explanation of the options that have been taken forward onto the short list (including rationale)
- * Q&A
- * Next steps

The meeting will be held on 24th November between 17.30 (when registration starts) and 19.30 on the 10th Floor, 55 Broadway, London, SW1H 0BD. NB. Boroughs and user/other representative groups - please be advised that there is limited space at the venue therefore I would be grateful if you could liaise with your colleagues and send one (maximum two) representative(s) from each organisation.

Please confirm your attendance, including the organisation/group you are representing by return email by Monday 16th November. A list of attendees will need to be provided to Building Security therefore it is imperative that your name is provided in advance so that you are guaranteed access to the meeting.

The amended programme for the study is as follows:

October - November

- * Discussion with London TravelWatch on stakeholder feedback and progress to date
- * Review of feasibility of direct links to London Bridge with Network Rail/DfT
- * Completion of the scoring of schemes on the long list to develop a short list

November

- * Meeting with local stakeholders to discuss how feedback has been considered and progress of short listing process
- * Review feedback from stakeholder meeting

End November - December

- * Assess the operational feasibility of short listed options with Network Rail
- * Assess operating costs and revenue of short listed options
- * Assess social benefits to determine whether option is value for money (business case analysis)

Early January

- * Discuss and agree draft report with London TravelWatch

Mid-late January

- * Meeting to present final report and next steps with local stakeholders

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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