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Dear Sirs

WestTrans Consultation Response to the Draft Transport Plan for the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games

On behalf of the West London Alliance, WestTrans thanks you for providing the opportunity to submit a response to the consultation draft of the Transport Plan.

WestTrans, a partnership of the six West London boroughs and led by Ealing Council, provides support on transport issues to West London Business and West London Alliance, and liaises closely with other key stakeholders such as Park Royal Partnership, the education & training and health & voluntary sector organisations. The Partnership plays a key role in the planning and delivery of transport projects in West London.

WestTrans looks forward to working in Partnership with the Olympic Delivery Authority and other transport authorities over the next five years to help shape the Transport Plan and deliver the safe, reliable and accessible transport needed in order to ensure a successful Olympic Games, and to leave a lasting and sustainable legacy.

West London will play a vital role in the staging and facilitation of the Olympics, not least because the region contains two of the competition venues. Heathrow Airport is an international gateway to the Games, as it one of the main transport hubs through which the Olympic and Paralympic Family and spectators will pass in arriving/departing from the Games. The sub-region contains important links on the Games Route Network and also contains key arterial routes and public transport corridors through which the Games workforce, freight, competitors and spectators will pass to access venues and facilities.

We consider that the Transport Plan is positive, forward looking and practical, particularly when referring to aspirations for providing efficient and sustainable travel into and through West London. However, when developing the Plan in more detail it is important that opportunities are not missed to: maximise travel by the most sustainable modes, minimise disruption to West London residents, minimise the impact of

travel on the environment, consolidate freight related trips, and strengthen transport links and travel awareness. With these objectives in mind, we note as follows our areas of concern and identify ideas for improvement that we feel warrant further investigation:

- Maximise use of the excellent public transport services to Wembley Stadium by ensuring spectators are made fully aware of their travel opportunities;
- Encourage walking and cycling to the competition venues through extensive, attractive and well designed links;
- Investigate opportunities for Park and Ride services to Wembley Stadium, to minimise car trips and the expected problems with parking provision;
- Give consideration to using consolidation centres to minimise the impact of freight journeys;
- Evaluate (and manage where necessary) the noise and air quality impacts of additional freight traffic;
- Evaluate the impact on congestion and air quality of private vehicles at and around the competition venues and Heathrow Airport;
- Identify whether improvements are needed to provide the reliability and 'quality' of journey on public transport expected by spectators (including the Piccadilly Line from Heathrow);
- Identify whether improvements are needed to minimise the negative visual impacts (i.e. enhance the street scene), minimise delays and achieve the required reliability on key transport corridors such as the A4; and
- Investigate introducing special bus services to venues from key rail stations.

We have purposely chosen not to provide excessive detail on the above listed suggestions at this stage as we understand that individual West London boroughs have or will be replying regarding specific concerns and suggestions regarding transport provision within their authorities.

With our strong links with West London businesses, transport operators and other stakeholders, and because we are responsible for the management and implementation of transport projects, the Partnership is in a pivotal position to be able to provide advice to the ODA and other transport authorities on refining and delivering the Transport Plan and associated daughter documents, such as Venue Transport Plans.

We are a portal for good practice for Transport Planning within West London and would be happy to act as a sounding board for likely feasibility of transport solutions. If there are Olympics-related studies/schemes best handled by the West London sub-region, WestTrans would be willing to discuss how these may be undertaken and what resources would be required.

We feel that it would be helpful to develop a West London Transport Plan to undertake necessary service improvements and provide a coherent framework for ensuring that we can programme in change at the due time.

I hope that this letter provides constructive input into the consultation process and we look forward to contributing further to the development of the Transport Plan in the near future.

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Yours faithfully

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