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**Protocol 2 : Transport Studies / Forecasting**

**Between**

**Greater Manchester Combined Authority and**

**Transport for Greater Manchester Committee**

**Transport for Greater Manchester**

**and**

**The AGMA Local Highway / Traffic Authorities**

**Introduction**

1. The Greater Manchester (Combined Authority) Order 2011 statutorily delegates the duty to prepare reports on road traffic levels within Greater Manchester under section 2 Road Traffic Reduction Act 1997 (“the transport studies function”) to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (‘GMCA’)
2. The above function is referred to in this protocol as the ‘transport studies function’. The GMCA has other powers to carry out research and studies in respect of traffic levels and emissions.
3. This protocol sets out the roles and responsibilities of the GMCA, the Transport for Greater Manchester Joint Committee (‘TfGMC’), Transport for Greater Manchester (‘TfGM’) and the local traffic/highway authorities (‘LTAs’) in respect of the above function. It is expected that all parties will work together in close partnership to ensure an effective, efficient and integrated approach to the matters covered by this protocol.

**GMCA Role**

The GMCA is responsible for :

1. producing and updating policies in respect of the transport studies function which are consistent with the Greater Manchester Strategy, the GM Local Transport Plan objectives and the GMCA’s and LTA’s budgets.
2. setting budgets in respect of the transport studies function.
3. determining the functions to be carried out by TfGMC and TfGM respectively in relation to the transport studies function and making arrangements accordingly.

## **TfGMC Role**

The TfGMC is responsible for:

1. making recommendations to the GMCA in respect of:
  - (a) producing and updating policies in respect of the transport studies function which are consistent with the Greater Manchester Strategy, the GM Local Transport Plan objectives and GMCA's and LTA's budgets
  - (b) setting budgets in respect of the transport studies function
2. making arrangements for the discharge of the functions to be carried out in relation to the transport studies function by TfGM.
3. monitoring and overseeing the activities and performance of TfGM in relation to the transport studies function

## **TfGM Role**

TfGM on behalf of the GMCA is responsible for:

1. providing a strategic transport analysis and advice service based on the databases and modelling resources which it maintains.
2. maintaining the following GM databases:
  - (a) road traffic accident and casualties
  - (b) transport assessment trip rate information
  - (c) traffic volume, pedestrian and cycle counts
  - (d) traffic interview surveys
  - (e) traffic speeds (copy of DfT Trafficmaster database)
  - (f) passenger boarding and alighting counts
  - (g) vehicle occupancy counts
  - (h) key centre cordon and car park counts

- (i) such other GM databases as are requested by LTAs
3. maintaining the following GM models:
    - (a) Strategy Planning (GMSPM2)
    - (b) Public Transport Network (GMPTM)
    - (c) SATURN (GMSATURN)
    - (d) Transport Element of Emissions Inventory (EMIGMA)
  4. providing a cost effective traffic count, transport survey, modelling, analysis and advice service for the LTAs including modelling and forecasting support for scheme design for major and minor transport projects and operational, transport and economic appraisals of LTA's strategies and developers' proposals.

### **LTA Role**

The LTAs will be responsible for:

1. making efficient use of the available databases, models and shared GM analysis and advice services where appropriate.
2. identifying new survey, database and analysis work that they wish TfGM to carry out on their behalf.