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Protocol 3 : Network Management

**Between
Greater Manchester Combined Authority and
Transport for Greater Manchester Committee and
Transport for Greater Manchester
and
The AGMA Local Traffic Authorities**

Introduction

1. The AGMA local highway/traffic authorities ('LTAs') have delegated the discharge of the following function to the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee ('TfGMC'):

Carrying out actions to facilitate the performance by local traffic authorities of their duty to manage their road traffic on their own roads and facilitating the same on other local authorities' roads pursuant to Sections 16 and 17 (except for sub-sections 17 (2) and (3)) of the Traffic Management Act 2004, including in particular –

- (a) establishing processes for identifying things (including future occurrences) which are causing or have the potential to cause road congestion or other disruption to the movement of traffic on the road network;
 - (b) determining specific policies and objectives in relation to strategic roads;
 - (c) monitoring the effectiveness of traffic authorities in managing their road network.
2. The above function is referred to in this protocol as 'the strategic network management function'. This function dovetails with the GMCA's duty under section 108(1) (a) of the Transport Act 2000 to develop policies for the promotion and encouragement of safe, integrated, efficient and economic transport to, from and within its area. ('the s108 duty').
 3. This protocol sets out the roles and responsibilities of GMCA, TfGMC, the Transport for Greater Manchester ('TfGM') and the LTAs in respect

of the above function under the combined authority arrangements. . 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.

The GMCA Role

The GMCA is responsible for developing policies for the promotion and encouragement of safe, integrated, efficient and economic transport to, from and within its area under s108 Transport Act 2000.

TfGMC Role

The TfGMC will be responsible for:

1. producing and developing policies in relation to the strategic network management function which are consistent with the Greater Manchester Strategy, the GM Local Transport Plan objectives and the GMCA's and LTA's budgets.
2. drawing up budgets in relation to the strategic network management function.
3. making recommendations to the GMCA in respect of the development of policies for the promotion and encouragement of safe, integrated, efficient and economic transport to, from and within its area under s108 Transport Act 2000.
4. determining the tasks to be carried out in relation to the strategic network management function by TfGM.
5. monitoring and overseeing the activities and performance of TfGM.

TfGM Role

The TfGM will be responsible for:

1. Taking action to improve poorly performing routes including:

- (a) providing safety and travel information to passenger and traveller organisations, satellite navigation operators, news media and internet users
 - (b) delivering behavioural change campaigns aimed at supporting public transport, walking, cycling, car-sharing and delivery vehicle-sharing and encouraging fewer journeys
 - (c) coordinating enforcement activities between local Highway and Traffic Authorities, the Highways Agency and Greater Manchester Police
 - (d) proactive monitoring of highway, transport, developer and street works activities and driver behaviour on strategic routes to identify regular and real time unauthorised activities which are causing delays
2. maintaining an accurate calendar of events at key sporting, cultural and leisure venues and events on roads ('events') that have the potential to cause significant delays on the strategic routes.
 3. giving support to the events organisers and LTAs to produce the traffic management plan to be deployed by organisers at the event.
 4. monitoring the deployment of major event plans and proposing further strategic, tactical and operational interventions to minimise disruption to the network.
 5. working with LTAs to assist event organisers with the management of planned strategic, operational and tactical response to events.
 6. coordinating LTA responses to incidents such as traffic accidents, breakdowns, carriageway failures, adverse weather, security alerts etc ('incidents') which affect more than one highway authority.
 7. working with LTAs, the Highways Agency, and the Police to identify strategic routes within Greater Manchester which suffer from regular incidents or climatic events and develop resilience plans and, where needed, tactical diversion plans to be implemented for future incidents or events.
 8. designating abnormal load routes, in a manner that takes into account the needs of users of both the strategic and local road networks, to ensure the safe and fluid movement of abnormal loads across Greater Manchester.
 9. providing event and incident travel information to passenger and traveller organisations, satellite navigation operators, news media and internet users.

10. developing and managing a Greater Manchester Traffic Control Centre to enhance the data gathering, monitoring, coordinating and communications capabilities within Greater Manchester.

LTA Authority Role

LTAAs will be responsible for:

1. securing the expeditious movement of traffic on their roads.
2. appointment of a Traffic Manager
3. carrying out the following to complement TfGM initiatives and GMCA policies :
 - (a) carrying out junction and traffic lane improvements
 - (b) proactive management of highway, transport, developer and street works activities and driver behaviour on strategic and local routes to minimise delays
 - (c) coordination of road works, street works and developers' activities
 - (d) proactive management of highway and transport authority, utility and developer occupation of highway space and reinstatement quality
 - (e) prioritising enforcement of parking and bus lane contraventions where these obstruct / adversely affect the free flow of traffic
4. holding planning discussions with event organisers to ensure that events take place at a time and in a manner that has minimum effect on network operations.
5. preparing plans to reduce the impact of events on overall network operation.
6. working (together with TfGM) to assist event organisers with the management of planned strategic, operational and tactical response to events.
7. working with TfGM, the Highways Agency and the Police to identify strategic routes within Greater Manchester which suffer from regular incidents or climatic events and develop resilience plans and, where needed, tactical diversion plans to be implemented for future incidents or events.
8. working with the Police in responding to emergency incidents to minimise disruption to the network and to maximise network capacity as soon as practicable.

