

Dear Transport for London

Re: Proposals for the new North-South and East-West Cycle Superhighways

I am writing on behalf of Friends of the Earth, in support of the above proposals, both as an environmental campaigning organisation and as an employer in London.

Air pollution is linked to one in 12 deaths in London and pollution from road traffic is a major cause of that, contributing to dangerous climate change at the same time.

Tens of thousands of Londoners want to use their bikes to get around. Yet many won't do so because they find our streets too dangerous to cycle. The result is that many choose to drive, exacerbating global climate change, as well as adding to London's air pollution and consequent health issues. It is therefore crucial that our streets should be safe and inviting enough for Londoners of all ages and abilities to choose to cycle for everyday journeys.

Many of our own staff and volunteers currently cycle to our London headquarters and yet more would do so if they felt cycling was safer. As an employer we are in favour of the increased safety for our workers that the proposed, segregated cycle tracks will bring and of the increased choice it will offer them in their mode of transport.

While important design issues still need to be addressed, and I urge you to take on board the detailed feedback from London Cycling Campaign and other cycling groups, we are in full support of:

- Wide, segregated cycle tracks on roads with high volume or speeds of motor traffic, and the reallocation of road space to enable this;
- Junctions that design out the possibility of cyclists being hit by turning motor traffic;
- Routes that are direct and convenient, so that they are attractive to the huge number of cyclists who want to cycle.

Please make sure these plans are delivered, without delay, and make London more liveable for everyone by transforming our streets into spaces that are safe and inviting for cycling.

With very best wishes



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