Incentivising low-carbon vehicles in London through the Climate Change Action Plan

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London's CO₂ footprint



2006: 44m tonnes CO₂

Road transport accounts for 80% of sector emissions



As London grows, emissions will rise if left unchecked



Growth must be accommodated while achieving challenging CO₂ targets



- Existing targets are very challenging
- Science suggests tougher targets needed
- Success requires contributions from all sectors – including transport!

33 million tonnes must be cut from business as usual projections by 2025

million tonnes CO₂



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Savings achievable through London's Climate Change Action Plan

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Savings achievable through
London's Climate Change
Action PlanSavings achievable
with EU/Government
action

Transport CO₂ savings by measure

Transport sector

million tonnes of CO_2 per annum by 2025

 Savings achievable through Action Plan
Maximum saving possible



Reduction Opportunities

Degree of Mayoral control over key CO₂ reduction opportunities



CO₂ impact (million tonnes CO₂ per year, 2050)

Opportunities to accelerate uptake of low-carbon vehicles



Utilising the GLA Group vehicle fleet

TfL Climate Change Fund

- £25m over 3 years to help meet Climate Change Action Plan targets
- Funding approved: Low-carbon vehicle project (phase 1)
 - £2.6m over 3 years for 14 vehicles and supporting infrastructure (additional £1.4m BERR funding)
 - Hydrogen fuel cell and hydrogen internal combustion
 - Motorcycles, small and larger cars
- **Phase 2**: additional vehicles building on hydrogen-related findings and trialling other technologies (e.g., plug-in hybrids)

Emissions-related charging



Current scheme has reduced CO₂ emissions within the zone by 16%



90% residents' discount withdrawn for cars with CO₂ emissions >225g/km



A proposal to link the Congestion Charge to car CO₂ emissions

Consultation:

Closed 19th October 2007

Proposed implementation:

- 4th February 2008 introduction of discount
- 6th October 2008 introduction of higher charge
- By 2010 review of charges



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Gas guzzling SUV or electric city car? The car you drive says a lot about you. It can also make a real difference to climate change. Smaller cars with smaller engines generally emit less CO2 and air pollution, but compare the emissions and fuel efficiency figures to make sure.

Increasing public awareness of the importance of buying low-carbon vehicles is essential

Support and pressure at all levels of government is critical







International



 Support for innovative boroughs and encouragement for all to adopt good practice

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Demonstrating leadership
through action is key to
establishing credibility and
ensuring London's voice is heard

• Mandatory CO₂ targets for passenger vehicles



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