

Safety first on capital's roads



AN ambitious plan to dramatically cut the number of people killed or seriously injured on London's roads has been announced.

It is hoped the measures proposed in the 'Safe Streets for London' report, published by Mayor Boris Johnson and Transport for London (TfL), will result in a 40 per cent reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured by 2020.

The plan was launched at the Waterloo IMAX roundabout, an area where work is under way on a range of safety enhancements. These include cycle feeder lanes, more space for pedestrian crossings, extended advanced stop

lines for bikes and clearly marked routes for cyclists to follow when joining the roundabout.

This busy junction is also the first of a number where TfL is looking to introduce 20mph speed limits.

The Mayor said: 'I want London to be the most liveable capital city in the world, and improving the safety of our roads is key to achieving this.'

'We've made good progress in recent years, but we must do more. London's population is rapidly increasing and the extra demand that this will place on our road network poses a significant challenge.'

Using detailed analysis of how and why people are injured in road collisions in the capital, and which groups are affected, the plan looks to ensure the right measures are being taken to reduce casualties. The Mayor added that the ultimate ambition

would be to cut the number of serious accidents on London's roads to zero.

TfL has identified 56 measures to help drive forward change and improve road safety for all, including:

- Trialling Dutch-style roundabouts with segregated cycle lanes and low-level signalling for cyclists
- Working with the motor industry to develop new safety systems, such as advanced emergency braking for motorcycles
- Focusing police enforcement to specific times and places in order to tackle driving behaviour that leads to the highest risk of collisions
- Increasing the number of safety awareness campaigns

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Question the Mayor

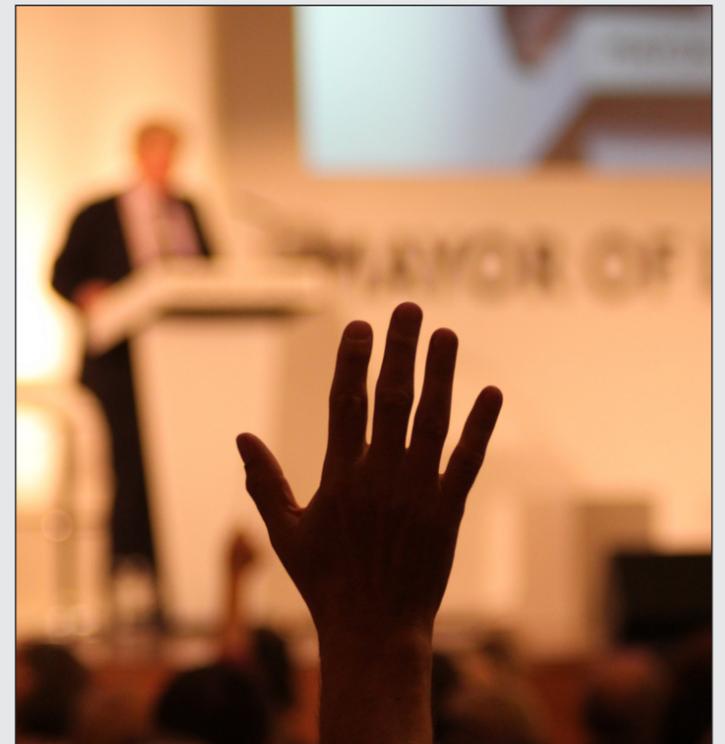
PUT your questions to Mayor Boris Johnson on Wednesday evening at the annual State of London debate.

This is your chance to talk about what matters to you in the capital; from transport to jobs, and the environment to housing. You'll also hear about the Mayor's agenda for the city's future.

The event takes place at the Methodist Central Hall in Westminster, SW1H 9NH, this Wednesday from 7.30pm to 9pm. Doors open at 6.30pm.

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