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Traffic

Key Challenges:

• High traffic flow northbound in AM peak & southbound in PM peak.

• Congestion – particularly in the PM peak due to queuing from New Cross.

• Inconsistent carriageway widths along the Old Kent Road - confusing for drivers and a safety issue.
**Key Challenges:**

- Important bus corridor served by 11 routes.
- Bus usage is high between Tesco on Old Kent Road and Elephant and Castle station, where the majority of passengers alight.
- Limited bus priority provision.

**Key:**
- Bus lane
- Bus stop
- Routes 21, 53, 172, 453
- Route P12
- Route 381
- Route 78
- Routes 63 and 363
- Route 42
- Route 168
Cycling and Walking

Key Challenges

• Lack of cycling facilities on Old Kent Road

• High cycle flow along the corridor despite lack of facilities.

• 2 Quietways routes being developed providing alternative cycle routes

• Footways become congested, particularly around bus stops.

• Wide footways are encroached upon by street clutter including large refuse bins, advertising and signage.

• Frequent signalised crossing facilities – but mainly staggered, some do not cater for demand.
Road Safety

- High number of collisions - 269 within last 3 yrs.
- 63% vehicle collisions; cyclists involved in 12%, 9% involved pedestrians
- 1 fatal (vehicle collision) in March 2013. 87% slight severity, 13% serious severity.
- Notable junctions and links with high collision rates – Trafalgar Avenue to Rotherhithe New Road including the Ossory Road/ Old Kent Road/ Avondale Road junction.
Committed transport schemes

1. **Elephant and Castle Transport Scheme – by 2016**
   Scheme to increase pedestrian safety & movements, cycling collisions, and promote economic regeneration of local area. Northern Line ticket hall upgrade. This will cycling and walking trips to E&C from Walworth Rd. The scheme reduces road capacity which may increase on the Old Kent Road corridor.

2. **Old Kent Road High Street Fund Bid – by 2016**
   £200,000 funding towards “quick win” public realm improvements between Bricklayers Arms and East Street.

3. **Humphrey St/ Old Kent Rd/ Albany Rd- 2015**
   Carriageway widening into 3 continuous lanes to improve discipline.

4. **A2 Old Kent Road approach to Trafalgar Avenue –**
   Carriageway widening into 3 continuous lanes to improve discipline.

5. **Cycle superhighways 5 route**
   Scheme to introduce on carriageway cycling facilities Pimlico and Greenwich. The route was opened between and New Cross in summer 2014. This may increase on the Old Kent Rd and may encourage modal shift from transport.

6. **Southwark Spine**
   Borough led cycling scheme linking the planned north-Cycle Superhighway from Elephant and Castle through borough to Dulwich.

7. **Two quiet ways routes**
   Implementation of cycle infrastructure on “quiet” routes.
Priority Areas for Investigation

- **Urban realm improvements:** decluttering, repaving with better quality materials, cycle parking, lighting upgrades.

- **Slow down signage on approach and exit to Bricklayers Arms**

- **Corridor Wide**
  - Quick win bus priority measures; rationalisation of loading and parking bays, bus gates and bus lanes.
  - Enforcement and control of loading bays
  - Enhanced pedestrian and cycling crossing facilities
  - Segregated cycle lanes
  - Continuous bus lanes
  - Busway
  - Reallocation of carriageway lanes to provide consistency throughout corridor
  - Uniform kerb lines

- **Bricklayer Arms and crossing provision between flyover exit and East Street**

- **Dunton Road junction: reconfiguration to provide straight ahead crossing facilities**

- **Investigation of interventions that could reduce collision rates:** tightening junctions, reducing vehicle speeds on approach to junctions.
Thank you for listening