Cargo bike action plan

Promoting and enabling the growth of cargo bikes to make them London's leading option for last-mile freight and servicing trips

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Context

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- Increased online shopping and growth in home deliveries is feeding van growth
- We need alternatives to vans for last mile deliveries if we want to achieve net carbon zero and reduce congestion on our road
- The Mayor's Transport Strategy aims to improve safety (Vision Zero), support healthy streets (net zero carbon) and reduce congestion (modal targets)
- Cargo bikes an contribute in all 3 areas
- We published an action plan for cargo bikes that sets out how we will make cargo bikes a "leading option" for last mile deliveries in London
- The plan covers research, growth forecasts and addresses plans related to capacity, safety and behaviour change

Environmentally Friendly



Cost-Savings

Affordable and Convenient





Versatile Business Platform

Healthier Cities

Alleviate Urban Traffic Congestion

Logistics Efficiency

EVERY JOURNEY MATTERS



Growth and infrastructure

Lane infrastructure

- Infrastructure should support future growth where it is likely to occur
- Routes should allow safe passing, good surfaces, good lighting
- Lanes should cater for a mix of cycle types with different sizes and configurations

Kerbside and parking

- Take a holistic view of the kerbside and cargo bike parking
- Access and parking should be secure and safe for riders

Land for micro hubs

- Micro hubs are an important support element for last mile logistics and cargo bikes
- Find suitable spaces for micro hubs and supporting facilities
- Innovative designs can integrate make spaces attractive



LGV replacement potential

	Area	2025	2030		
	Central London	3 to 9%	6 to 17%		
	Inner London	1 to 2%	2 to 4%		
	Outer London	0 to 1%	1 to 2%		
	GLA-wide	1 to 2%	1 to 4%		





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4 Safety

Bike safety

- Bikes are getting larger and now include Electrically Assisted Vehicles (EAVs)
- There are few standards beyond power output and speed under power

Rider safety and security

- Cargo bike collision statistics should be separated out from other cycle types
- Minimum rider safety and training standards are needed to ensure safe and considerate rider behaviour

Operator safety responsibilities

- Bikes should be properly maintained
- Rider welfare is important
- Operator guidance should cover safely securing loads, planning and assessing routes and conducting safe operations







⁵Behaviour change

Growth drivers

- Cargo bike benefits need to be clearly stated and widely promoted
- Use pilots and trials to experience and confidence

Procurement

• Procurement contracts can encourage operators to consider cargo bikes and adhere to safety standards

Cargo bikes as a first / early choice

- Cargo bikes should be considered when designing vehicle emission based schemes
- Regulation for micro-modes needs to be practical, consistent and provide certainty to industry







6 Action plan commitments

Growth, infrastructure and capacity

- 1. Monitor movement by cycle type to identify usage patterns and project future growth.
- 2. Further develop the demand model to help us better understand where in London demand for cargo bikes is likely to be highest.
- 3. Work with boroughs and developers to identify opportunities for short stay parking facilities for bikes
- 4. Work with industry to establish minimum and preferred micro hub specification profiles so that we can apply these to identify and target suitable sites for micro hubs.
- 5. Continue to work with the GLA and boroughs to develop a process that identifies, prioritises and evaluates opportunities to use land for micro hubs and last mile freight.
- 6. Work with operators, boroughs and landowners to support multi modal trials and other initiatives that enable integrated logistics modes, including water and rail.

Cargo bike safety

- 7. Work with government to establish best practice safety standards for cargo bikes.
- 8. Update and publish revised cargo bike safety guidance and other "how to" guides for operators to provide advice on safety and operating practices for both riders and operators.

Behaviour change

- 9. Continue to work with GLA and boroughs to ensure compelling messaging in support of cargo bikes.
- 10. Use procurement as a policy lever for suppliers to support sustainable last mile deliveries and cargo bikes.
- 11. Promote cargo bikes as a preferred mode when planning TfL or supporting borough schemes, including Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs) and borough led vehicle emissions-based schemes

Overview of what the published - the provisional timeline

Action	G2 (2023)	GS (2023)	Q-4 (2025)	Q1 (2024)	az (2024)	GIS (2024)	Q+ (2024)	Later
Growth, infrastructure and capacity								
Monitor movement by cycle type	+	+	+					
Model to better understand demand growth			+	•	•	•		
Explore short-stay parking opportunities					+	+	+	
Establish minimum and preferred micro-mobility hub requirements		•	•					
Develop a process that enables TfL and public land for micro-mobility huts		•	+	+	+	+	+	+
Continue to support integrated logistics trials, including water and nail	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cargo bike safety								
Develop a London safety standard for cargo bikes that adopts best practice		•	+	+	+	+	+	+
Update and publish cargo bike guidance for operators and riders	+	*	+	+				
Behaviour change								
Develop advice and messaging to support cargo bits benefits	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Use procurement policy to support cargo bike uptake		•	•	•	+	+	+	
Cargo bikes as a preferred option in Low Traffic Neighbourhoods and vehicle emission-based schemes					+	+	+	+
Recommendations for staksholders								
Boroughs to adopt a holistic approach to kertside planning			•	•	+	+	+	+
Lobby government to improve cargo bike casuality data		+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Boroughs to support cargo biles in procurement					+	+	+	+
Collaborate with and encourage government to harmonise regulation across micro-mobility modes								

- 1. We have begun implementing the plan
- 2. We will continue engaging industry as we develop plans, standards and campaigns
- For example we are working with the Bicycle Association who are looking at a UK training standard
- 4. We have begun updating our cargo bike guidance



