Possible new Road User Charges



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Introduction

We want to find out what you think about the possible changes TfL could make to:

- make air quality better



- deal with the climate emergency



- have less traffic on the roads.



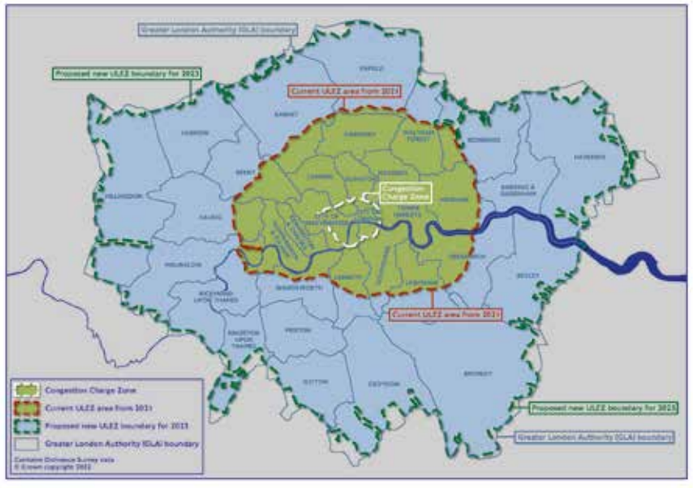


When the most polluting vehicles drive into the **Ultra Low Emission Zone** or **ULEZ** the driver must pay **£12.50**.



The possible changes are:

- make the **ULEZ** bigger so that it covers all of **London** in **2023**



Check if your vehicle meets the standards to drive within the **ULEZ** for free.
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- the fines will go up for drivers who **do not pay** the **ULEZ** charge and Congestion Charge

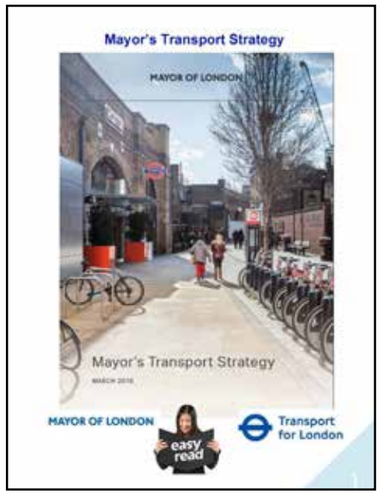


- make it **free** to sign up for **Auto Pay** every year



Currently drivers have to pay **£10** to sign up for **Auto Pay every year**.

- update the Mayor's Transport Strategy.



This document explains how the Mayor wants to change transport in London in the future.



TfL also wants to find out what you think about charging drivers to use London roads in the future.



Air pollution in London

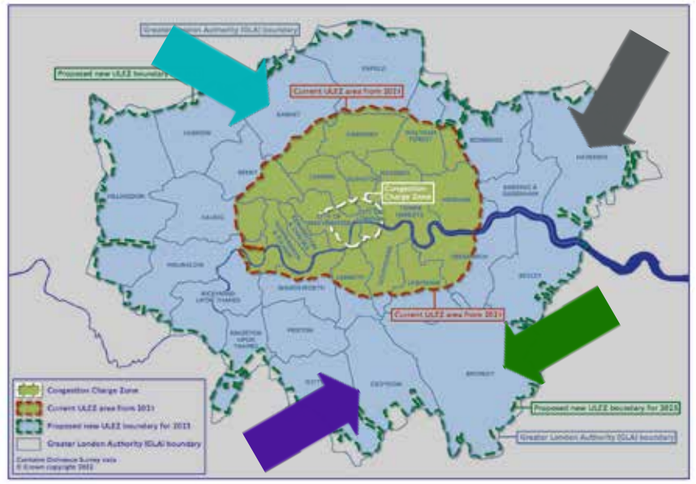


London's air quality is a public health crisis.



In **2019** air pollution in London led to nearly **four thousand** Londoners dying too young.

The highest number of deaths from air pollution were in four councils in outer London:



- Barnet
- Bromley
- Croydon
- Havering.



This shows us that air pollution is a problem all over London not just in Central London.



The climate emergency



Last year the **COP 26 conference** said if we do not deal with climate change:



- temperatures will go up



- there will be more extreme weather such as flooding.



The flash flooding at some Tube and train stations in **2021** is a recent example of extreme weather in London.



Roads with too much traffic are still a big problem.

£5,000,000,000



Congestion in London cost **five billion pounds** in **2021**.



Busy roads can have a big effect on:



- businesses



- bus passengers



- emergency services and key workers



Busy traffic affects the health and wellbeing of everyone and it makes roads more dangerous.

Too much traffic on the roads means London is **not** a place where people want to:



- **live**



- **visit**



- **work**



- **run their business.**



Air pollution and the health of Londoners



Air pollution is caused by vehicles that put **gases** and **dirt** into the air.

This includes:



- **Nitrogen dioxide** or **NO²** which is bad for our health and can cause damage to lungs.



- **PM 2.5** which is **small amounts** of **carbon** and **dirt** from vehicles that can get into our lungs



This type of pollution is thought to be the most harmful to our health.



Carbon dioxide - a gas that makes the climate emergency worse.

500,000



More than five hundred thousand Londoners have **asthma**.



So they could become very unwell if there are high levels of air pollution.



In **December 2020** it was confirmed that air pollution was part of the reason why a nine-year-old girl died in 2013.

World Health Organization

All Londoners live in areas that are above the World Health Organisation guidelines for air pollution.



In **2019** Nitrogen Oxide levels were higher in Outer London than Central London.



If we do not act now over **five hundred thousand** Londoners could get seriously unwell from air pollution over the next 30 years.



£10,400,000,000

The cost of air pollution to the NHS and social services could be **£10.4 billion** by **2050.**



What TfL wants London to look like



TfL wants a city with clean air.

By **2041** most journeys in London should be made by:



- **walking**
- **cycling**



- **public transport.**



The **Mayor** wants London to be a **Net Zero Carbon** City by **2030**.



Net Zero Carbon means doing things that:

- do not pollute the world
- stop the world from getting hotter.



TfL wants a city with more streets that:

- people want to use



- make it easy to get to other places in London.



TfL wants all streets to be much safer by **2030** so that less people are killed or seriously injured.





TfL wants to

- make changes to the transport network so that stations can cope with extreme weather



- have less traffic on the roads by **2041**.



- make bus journeys quicker by **2041**



- Londoners to walk or cycle for **20 minutes** every day by **2041**.

For London to become a cleaner and greener city everyone needs to



- make less car trips
- use vehicles that do not pollute.

Finding out what you think





TfL wants to find out what everyone thinks about having a bigger Ultra Low Emission Zone or **ULEZ** in **2023**.



The **ULEZ** is an area of London where a fee is charged for driving the most polluting vehicles.



These changes could happen in **2023**.

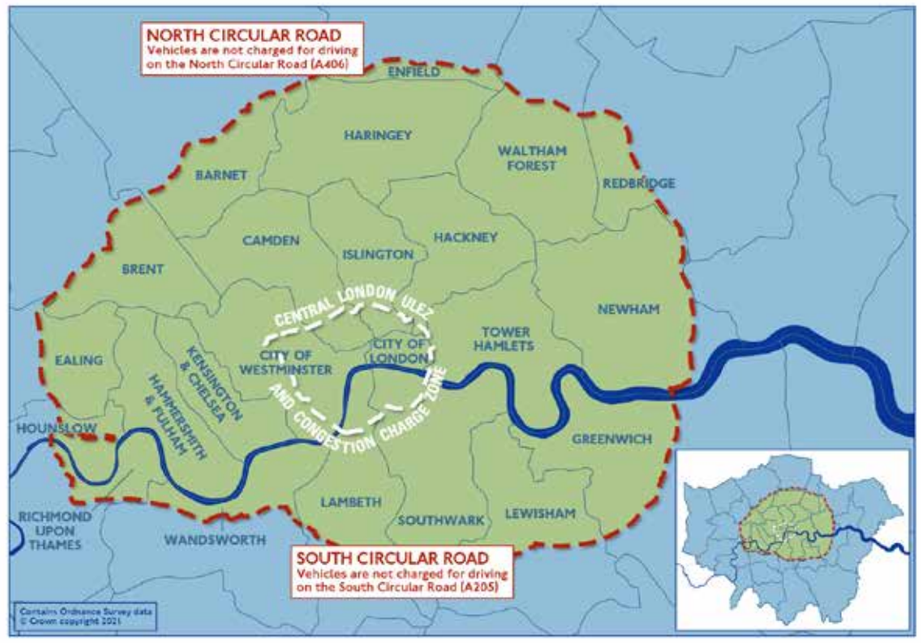


TfL wants to find out what **you think** is **important** about new road charges in London.



Making ULEZ bigger

At moment the **ULEZ** covers all the roads inside the **North Circular Road** and **South Circular Road.**





Most vehicles in London meet the **ULEZ** standards because they are not high polluting.



This means many drivers **do not pay** the **ULEZ** charge of £12.50.



Check if your vehicle meets the standards to drive within the **ULEZ** for free.
Visit this website to check https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/check-your-vehicle



If **ULEZ** was made bigger it would:

- cover most of Greater London



- cost drivers of high polluting vehicles **£12.50** per day to drive in the **ULEZ**.



- run every day except for Christmas day.



TfL will support people who drive high polluting vehicles to walk, cycle or use public transport whenever they can.



TfL will support Londoners to use vehicles that **do not pollute** for important journeys.

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TfL is planning to start a scheme to lower the amount of high polluting vehicles on London roads.



These schemes would support many Londoners such as:



- Londoners on lower incomes



- disabled Londoners



- charities



- businesses.



Scrappage scheme



A **scrappage scheme** aims to help vehicle **owners in London** who are:

- on low incomes



- have a disability.



These groups could get money to:

- scrap their **older vehicles** that are **higher polluting**



- get a **new** vehicle that is **less polluting**.



The **scrappage scheme** would also help these groups to get lower polluting vehicles:



- businesses



- self-employed people



- charities.



The Mayor has said the scrappage scheme will be as **big as possible** to support as many drivers as possible.



Lower charges and groups that do not have to pay the charge



Some drivers and vehicles:

- could pay a **lower** **ULEZ** charge



- might **not have to pay** the **ULEZ** charge



The groups that would not have to pay the **ULEZ** charge until **October 2027** are:

Driver & Vehicle Licensing Agency

- Vehicles registered with the DVLA as having:
  - a ‘disabled’ tax class



  - a ‘disabled passenger vehicle’ tax class



- Wheelchair accessible private hire vehicles.



The other groups include:



- some NHS patients who could get **money back** on the **ULEZ** charge



- minibuses used for community transport would not have to pay until **October 2025**



- taxis



- old vehicles made over 40 years ago



- specialist non-road going vehicles such as diggers



- Showman's vehicles such as vehicles used for carnivals and fairs.



AutoPay



TfL would end the £10 fee for setting up Auto Pay.

Once Auto Pay is set up for a vehicle the owner is charged automatically for all fees:



- Congestion Charge
- **Ultra Low Emission Zones**
- Low Emission Zones.



At the moment it costs **£10** to set up Auto Pay.



TfL is suggesting that the £10 Auto Pay fee would stop from **30 January 2023**.

Drivers would just need to sign up for Auto Pay to make sure they do not get a penalty charge.



Changes to penalty charges



TfL is suggesting that the penalty charge for non-payment of the **ULEZ** charge or Congestion Charge goes up from **£160** to **£180**.



The current penalty charge is **£160**



If you pay **within 14 days** it is **£80**.



The new charge would be **£90** if it was paid within 14 days.



All the money from the charges goes towards making transport in London better.



Updates to the Mayor's Transport Strategy



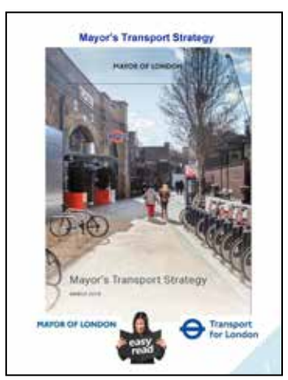
The **Mayor's Transport Strategy** is a legal document that explains how the Mayor wants to change London transport.

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The **Mayor's Transport Strategy** is used to plan and run transport in London used by:

- **TfL**
- London councils
- other organisations



All transport services and planning in London must follow the **Mayor's Transport Strategy.**



The latest Mayor's Transport Strategy said **ULEZ** would become bigger in 2021.



The **ULEZ** was made bigger in **October 2021.**



The Mayor's Transport Strategy could be **updated** to say that **ULEZ** covers **all of London**.

This update should include the four **important points**:



- climate emergency
- air quality



- road congestion



This update will allow **TfL** to start looking at how drivers are charged to use London roads in the future



How drivers could be charged in the future









Experts think charging road users for using London's roads could help with **three important points**:

- road congestion
- the climate emergency
- air quality



There could be **one charge** used for all drivers on London Roads.



TfL could use the same type of technology used for the congestion charge and **ULEZ** charge.



For this new charge to work TfL would need to carry on making it easier and safer to walk, cycle and use public transport in London.



This could:

- lead to less traffic
- make it easier to travel around London without a car.



TfL is looking into road user charging over the next few years.



TfL wants Londoners to tell us what they think is important so that possible changes in the future can meet their needs.



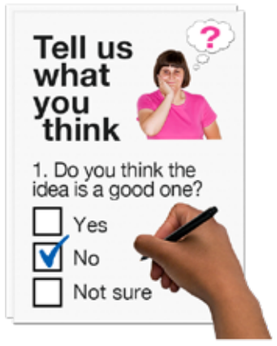
TfL will find out what you think about any new schemes in the future.



Tell us what you think

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TfL would like to know what you think about the possible changes to road user charging.



You can give us your feedback by completing the **Easy Read survey**.



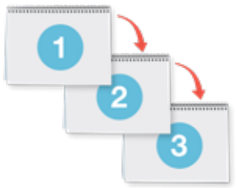
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- **update** you about the **decision**



- **let you know** what is going to **happen next**.



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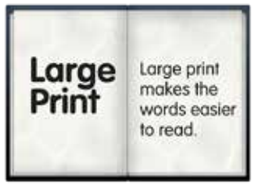


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