

# Sustainable Transport Strategy- Key Facts & Questions

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Transport Strategy Priority			Source	
Overview	% of residents who do not own a car	66%	Census 2021	
	% of residents who feel heavy traffic is an issue	31%	Internal survey	
	Estimated number of vehicles that used WCC major or minor roads (2022)	2.2m	Department for Transport	
Road Safety	Number of traffic cyclist casualties (2022)	619	TFL road safety reports	
	% of traffic casualties that involved cyclists (2022)	32%	Department for Transport	
	Number of road collisions (2022)	1,794		
	Number of road casualties (2022)	1,935		
	% of WCC residents aged 65+ and classified as disabled under the equality act	4%	Census 2021	
	% of WCC residents aged 65+	12%	Census 2021	
Access & Inclusion	% of respondents who stated better availability of late-night transport would make people feel safer in Westminster after 6pm	36%	Westminster after dark survey	
	% of respondents that felt cheaper transport will keep them in Westminster after 6pm	22%		
	Number of WCC disabled (driver) blue badges	497	London Councils	
	Number of WCC White badge permit holders	198		
Health and Exercise	% of residents who are physically active	71%	Active Lives survey 2021/22	
	% of residents who are physically inactive	21%		

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Climate Change	Number of Westminster properties flooded in 2021	1,000 (est)	Environment agency
	Number registered electrical vehicles in Westminster	386,280	Departments for Transport
Air Quality	Westminster's average NO2 emissions (2019)	37%	
	Number of deaths in Westminster from respiratory diseases (count) 2016-2020	652	NHS Digital
	Emergency hospital admissions in Westminster for Chronic Pulmonary Diseases (2016 / 17 – 2020/21)	58.2	
	Mortality caused by respiratory disease in Westminster (2013 – 2021)	1227	
Sustainable Economy	Average daytime population in Westminster Jan (2024)	367K	Footfall data - BT Geolocated Mobile Network Data (GeoMND)
	Number of jobs hosted in Westminster (2021)	767,000	Lightcast

# Key Questions

How do we encourage more cycling and walking through Westminster when we have a high number of collisions and casualties?



- ❖ Can we provide a safer cycle network away from main road traffic, preferably in cleaner, low emission areas? Securing the extension of the Mayor of London's and/or other Cycle Hire Schemes to the Council.
- ❖ Can we create healthy and inclusive environments that encourage Westminster residents, visitors and workers to choose walking or cycling within the Council?
- ❖ Can we increase traffic lights crossing times in accident hotspot areas?

How do we ensure that our transport network is safe and inclusive for Westminster residents, visitors and workers alike?



- ❖ Better use of the Council bus fleet.
- ❖ Provide more street furniture for rest spots on longer walks and cycling.
- ❖ Improve access to sustainable modes of transport and ensure that everyone in Westminster can choose, access, and travel safely.
- ❖ Create a safer and secure travelling infrastructure and environment especially for women.
- ❖ Additional safety measures at high crime areas
- ❖ Ensure the Transport Strategy is not detrimental to the economy

How do we continue to decarbonise our traffic and meet our 2040 Net Zero, air pollution and climate change ambitions? i.e. how do we prioritise?



- ❖ Work closely with the London Mayor's office to meet a potential growing demand for charging points.
- ❖ The impact of additional charging points in Westminster will need to consider other kerbside priorities.
- ❖ Have a quick response to climate change events
- ❖ Providing cleaner air quality routes for pedestrians and cyclists, especially during rush hour, when air pollution levels are higher near busy roads
- ❖ A better understanding of health effects of air pollution.
- ❖ Understanding the impact buildings have on air quality.