



**CROSS RIVER
PARTNERSHIP**

Delivering London's Future Together

30

Years

Annual Report and Business Plan

Summary Version

2023 - 2025



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Welcome

Celebrating 30 Years of Delivering London's Future Together

Welcome to Cross River Partnership's (CRP's) Annual Report for 2023 - 24 and Business Plan for 2024 - 25!

2023 - 24 was a difficult year for humankind, with new wars breaking out, other wars continuing, and all the while the climate crisis deepening too.

CRP and its partners have continued to play their part in pre-empting and mitigating the effects of the climate crisis and some of the impacts that human behaviour are having on the planet.

All of CRP's projects are focussed on improving the lives of those living, working and visiting our City -

"Delivering London's Future Together".

The projects are only possible because of the support of our public, private, voluntary and community partners. Later pages of this document set out the fantastic achievements that have been delivered by all of us working together.

CRP's partner body continues to grow and all member organisations have seats on the CRP Board.

The CRP Board is Co-Chaired by representatives of CRP's public and private sector partners - thank you very much indeed to Councillor Mary Durcan and Simon Pitkeathley.

A huge thank you to all of CRP's partners! And a particularly special thank you to CRP's accountable body Westminster City Council - CRP is extremely grateful for your ongoing support.

2024 looks to be an exciting year for CRP as we celebrate our 30th anniversary!

We also look forward to successfully completing our Smarter Greener Logistics programme during 2024 - 25, as well as kicking off new programmes funded by the Mayor and from European funding sources. All will be directed to helping London become fairer, greener and safer.

If you have any ideas for further collaborations, please get in touch!

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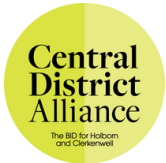
CRP Vision

CRP Vision: To make London a better place to live, work and visit.

CRP's Mission: To collaboratively deliver solutions that make London fairer, greener and safer.



CRP Partners



Project Highlights

2023-24

CRP completed a number of significant projects in 2023-24.

Clean Air Logistics for London (CALL)

CALL is a £1 million Defra-funded project aiming to move more freight into London via river rather than road, supported by zero emission delivery methods in Central London.

July 2022 - June 2023

10 project partners

Led by CRP / Westminster City Council



Estimated annual emission savings:

193.8g of NOx

6.8g of PM2.5

13.2g of PM10

84,407kg of CO2



CALL Highlights



Delivered the first Walking Freight Trial on Public Land



2 River Freight Pilots



Supported London's first Dedicated Freight Pier



2 feasibility studies



Expansion of EV infrastructure



2 online tools



1 Sustainable Deliveries Hub



2 Micro Logistics Hub Trials



'OurBike' shared e-cargo bike scheme



Retrofitted the Alb-E, the first electric work boat on the Thames

Clean Air Freight (CAF)

Impact on Urban Health-funded project helping the freight sector to deliver clean air as part of the Guy's and St Thomas' Foundation.

The project aims to prepare for more rail freight deliveries into London, including investigating the potential of passenger trains, and also trial zero emission last mile logistics from a centre in South London.

May 2022 - June 2023

6 project partners

Led by CRP / Westminster City Council



CAF Highlights



194 consolidated cargo bike trips covering 277km made from the Micro-logistics Hub to Brixton, servicing 8 businesses.



Developed study exploring potential to integrate rail freight into London's deliveries.



Produced guidance and project learning documentation to support local authorities to deliver their own Micro-logistics Hubs.



Development of the Waterloo Freight Hub to continue the legacy of the Micro Logistics Hub and Rail Freight deliveries into London.



Communications Support - EC BID

CRP collaborated with EC BID on their strategic communications and delivered a successful social media campaign over summer 2023.

The campaign promoted the EC BID area throughout the summer holidays, including exciting new restaurants, new walking maps and famous landmarks.

The social media campaign was delivered over 3 months and included 72 posts shared across LinkedIn and Twitter.



CRP has a range of projects delivering in 2023-24 that will continue into 2024-25 and beyond.

Smarter Greener Logistics (SGL)

SGL is a Defra-funded project aiming to minimise the impact of freight on noise, air quality, traffic and pavement space in London by making improvements across 14 London boroughs and two London Business Improvement Districts (BIDs). SGL builds on the success of CRP's Clean Air Logistics for London (CALL).

July 2023 - December 2024
 25 Project Partners
 Led by CRP / Westminster City Council



SGL Highlights So Far



Waterloo Logistics Hub Development



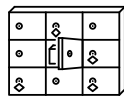
Islington Micro Logistics Hub Development



Pimlico Micro Logistics Hub adopted on long-term basis



Programme-wide Virtual Loading Bay (VLB) Trial Development



Supporting SGL Partners with Parcel Locker expansion



Supporting SGL Partners with EV Charging Infrastructure expansion



Developing brief for a detailed report on freight flows in London



Hosted a Courier Fair event



Updating our Urban Logistics Hubs online tool



9 SGL Cheat Sheets



3 SGL task force meetings



2 communications campaigns delivered

Just Streets

CRP's £0.5 million part of this £11 million Horizon Europe/UKRI-funded project will enable vulnerable groups to become valued users of public realm spaces, within the overall ethos of sharing learnings with our European partners.

January 2024 - April 2025
32 project partners across Europe, led by the Links Foundation located in Turin, Italy.



Just Streets Highlights So Far



Collaboration agreement set up between all project partners



London project steering group set up



Plans in place for maximum alignment with 3 London public realm schemes



First trans-national meeting with project partners

Just Streets Targets



Increased active travel



Decreased vehicular usage



Improved street environments



Improved air quality



Improved health benefits



Positive community and social impacts

- 3** street level interventions
- 50%** reduction in road accidents
- 5** communications campaigns

Aims



Monitoring and Data Analysis Service



Working in partnership with Vivacity Labs, CRP have continued to support South Bank BID by providing insightful traffic monitoring and data analysis services to support effective, environmentally healthy, and sustainable streetscape and public realm planning.

CRP are analysing data across nine sensors located in the BID area. The data feeds into South Bank BID's approach to evidence-based decision-making in the local area, to understand the ways that pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicles are moving around the area.



35 reports



Development of area-based reporting



Trialling of Public Realm Analysis at Jubilee Gardens on the South Bank



New map-based insights

Central London Sub-Regional Transport Partnership (CLSRTP)

CLSRTP enables collaboration and information-sharing between partner boroughs on key sub-regional transport priorities. CLSRTP engages in a range of projects to address these priorities which range from innovative pilots and trials to forward-thinking research and strategy.

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CLSRTP meetings across 2023-24



Engagement with at least 13 central London boroughs



Proactive engagement with TfL



Forward Look

CRP is looking forward to delivering a range of externally-funded programmes with its partners over 2024-25 and beyond, including the following:

Healthy Streets Everyday Phase II (HSE II)

This new £1 million Mayor's Air Quality Fund project will address the issue of over-dependence on private vehicles, and the associated issues of poor Air Quality, Environment, Safety, Health, and Wellbeing.

April 2024 - March 2027
 14 project partners
 Led by CRP / Westminster City Council

Project Aims

HSE II will address poor Air Quality by:

- S**upporting safer spaces
- T**ransforming travel behaviour
- R**educing emissions and exposure
- E**ngaging with communities
- E**mbracing technological advances
- T**argeting green infrastructure
- S**ustaining best monitoring practice

Targets against these aims will be quantified with partners once the funding proposal has been confirmed.

HSE II project activities have been estimated to bring about the following Air Quality emissions reductions over the 3-year project period:

35.77kg of NO_x

Equivalent to:



Emissions from 161 football pitch-sized forest fires

2.89kg of PM_{2.5}

Equivalent to:



64.7 sycamore trees to filter out

47,356kg of CO₂

Equivalent to:



142.07 sq metres of arctic ice saved



CRP Added Value



Additional CRP Services

CRP will continue to seek additional sources of funding and to deliver projects valued by its partners and Londoners alike.

CRP will continue to facilitate the Central London Sub-Regional Transport Partnership. The group provides a neutral forum for Boroughs to share issues, and to develop co-ordinated delivery responses to transport challenges. CRP will coordinate quarterly meetings throughout 2024 / 25 to align key priorities for CLS RTP partners focused on transport, freight and sustainable travel.

CRP will also continue to offer its Monitoring and Data Analysis Services on a consultancy basis to CRP Partners and other organisations. This includes the development of new supportive services such as public realm analysis, movement mapping and area or intervention-based reporting.

Additional consultancy-style services available from CRP include Clean Air Walking Route Mapping Services and Communications Campaigns: Building and Implementing them.

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Major Project of the Year



FOR HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT WINNER 2022

WINNER

CIEH EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2019

BEST COLLABORATION

