

TfL

Lane Rental

Scheme

High Performance Discounts:

Guidance to Promoters for

Lane Rental Reductions

Relating to SI. No. 540

**Lane Rental Scheme**

Delivering roadworks that optimise road network performance

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**1. Background**

Transport for London (TfL) has been operating a successful Lane Rental scheme on its road network since 11 June 2012. The detailed benefits of the scheme are all highlighted in annual monitoring reports published on TfL’s Lane Rental scheme webpage1

Since TfL’s Lane Rental Scheme (“TLRS”) was first introduced, the Mayor has published a new Transport Strategy2 focused on Healthy Streets. It promotes active travel by encouraging people to walk and cycle more, or to utilise sustainable transport modes, such as buses, for longer journeys. Another principal component of the strategy is to make our roads safer through the Mayor’s Vision Zero action plan3, which aims to eradicate all deaths and serious injuries from our streets by 2041. In line with these policies, the road network infrastructure has changed considerably to improve safety and increase capacity to accommodate the increase in demand for active travel and sustainable modes.

To aid these objectives TfL, together with contributions from industry stakeholders, developed a revised lane rental scheme (“the Scheme”)4 which now includes additional incentives for more off-peak work, substantial discounts to companies who commit to improving their roadworks infrastructure and discounts to companies that demonstrate impeccable safety standards at roadworks.

The Scheme was approved by the Department for Transport by virtue of The Street Works (Charges for Occupation of the Highway) (Transport for London) Order 2012, which was made on 29th April 2021 and came into force on 1 May 2022 (SI2021 No. 5405)

1 <https://www.tfl.gov.uk/lanerental>

2 <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/transport/our-vision-transport/mayors-transport-strategy-2018>

3 <https://content.tfl.gov.uk/vision-zero-action-plan.pdf>

4 <https://content.tfl.gov.uk/lane-rental-scheme-document-20210501-final.pdf>

5 [https://content.tfl.gov.uk/the-street-works-charges-for-occupation-of-the-highway-transport-for-london-order­](https://content.tfl.gov.uk/the-street-works-charges-for-occupation-of-the-highway-transport-for-london-order-2021.pdf)2021.pdf

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**2. Introduction to High Performance Discount metrics**

Making roadworks safer, compliant, and less disruptive contributes to the objectives of the Mayor’s Transport Strategy outlined above and section 7.36 of the updated scheme now makes provision for TfL to offer companies that consistently demonstrate the highest levels of performance when undertaking work, discounts on their Lane Rental charges.

A number of high-performance metrics will be used to determine eligibility for a discount. These metrics and targets will be reviewed on a regular basis and modified as required to ensure continuous improvement. Regular performance information will be provided to works promoters to help them achieve the targets.

The metrics use a number of indicators to measure performance. including clear planning and safe working practices and these are captured in the four key performance areas identified in table 1 below.

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| Area | Metric | Description | Application of  Discount | Review | Target | Discount |
| Safety at work  site7 | 1. Pass rate for All Cat A inspections | Monitors the total number of  safety inadequacies identified  under the Cat A regime | All draft charges raised within the next applicable discount cycle | Quarterly | 100% | 25% |
| (M1a) Pass rate  for All Cat A  inspections | Monitors the total number of  safety inadequacies identified  under the Cat A regime. | All draft charges raised within the next applicable discount cycle | Quarterly | 92.5% | 10% |
| Reinstatement  quality | 1. Pass Rate for Cat B and   C sample  inspections | Monitors the number of  reinstatements inadequacies  identified following Cat B and  C sample inspections regime | All draft charges raised within the next applicable discount cycle | Quarterly | 95% | 5% |
| Compliance  with Permit  Conditions8 | 1. Pass Rate   for permit  condition  checks | Monitors the compliance of  promoter works with the  conditions which are attached  to a granted permit. | All draft charges raised within the next applicable discount cycle | Quarterly | 90% | 5% |
| Avoidance of  Lane Rental | 1. Lane     Rental charge     avoided | Monitors the total number of  works where a promoter  avoids a Lane Rental charge in  Lane Rental streets | All draft charges raised within the next applicable Financial Year | Yearly | 95% | 5% |

*Table 1 Discount applicability for measures*

The application of the metrics and associated High Performance Discounts process (HPD) will commence on the 1 April 2022 and all timescales related to the metrics within this document will align with this date.

6 <https://content.tfl.gov.uk/lane-rental-scheme-document-20210501-final.pdf>

7 If the discount for M1 (25%) is achieved, it will be applied in isolation. The discount for M1a (10%) shall not be applied.

8 [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/918496/street­](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/918496/street-works-permit-schemes-conditions.pdf)works-permit-schemes-conditions.pdf

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