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Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London
City Hall
London

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Dear Sadiq,

Congratulations on being elected by your fellow city leaders as the new Chair of C40. Cities are the engine-room of the global economy, and co-operation between them is vital to tackling the climate emergency. As well as your personal leadership of the C40, London itself will help propel progress internationally through achieving the goal you have rightly set for it of becoming a zero carbon city by 2030.

Transport is the biggest single source of London's carbon emissions. Decarbonising road transport is critically important to decarbonising London. We are therefore very concerned that the Mayor's Transport Strategy, established in 2018 before London declared a climate emergency, is insufficient for the task.

Specifically, the MTS sets a target for 80% of all journeys to be made by active and public transport by 2041: the rate of mode shift this implies, even with the most optimistic projections for the uptake of electric vehicles, will not deliver zero carbon roads by 2030. An accelerated shift to walking, cycling, public transport and shared mobility is required to close the gap.

COP26 is close upon us. Under the Paris process all countries are expected to pledge deeper emissions cuts in the run up to Glasgow. Now is an opportune moment to accelerate the MTS and bring it in line with your 2030 goal.

This means committing to achieving the following, by 2030:

1. Eliminating the barriers to walking and cycling in London, including by completing a city-wide, accessible, high density cycling network and a network of attractive, low traffic walking routes to key destinations, and by making it safe to cross London's streets.

2. Ensuring every Londoner has convenient access to a reliable, frequent and affordable bus and tram service.
3. Working with the shared transport sector to ensuring that convenient and affordable access to on-demand alternatives to private motor car ownership, such as shared e-cycles and e-scooters and shared electric vehicles, are available to all.

These enhanced alternatives to private car trips will not be enough by themselves, however: demand for private car trips must simultaneously be managed. We consequently also call on you to build on the work you have already done to strengthen and expand the ULEZ by:

4. Urgently commencing work to create a new, London-wide smart and fair road charging scheme - to help decarbonise our roads as well as reduce congestion and air pollution - the revenue from which can be invested in active travel and public transport. This must be in place well before 2030.

We wish you well for your leadership of C40 and stand ready to assist with bringing the MTS in line with your goals.

Yours,

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