

Transport for London – a health service?

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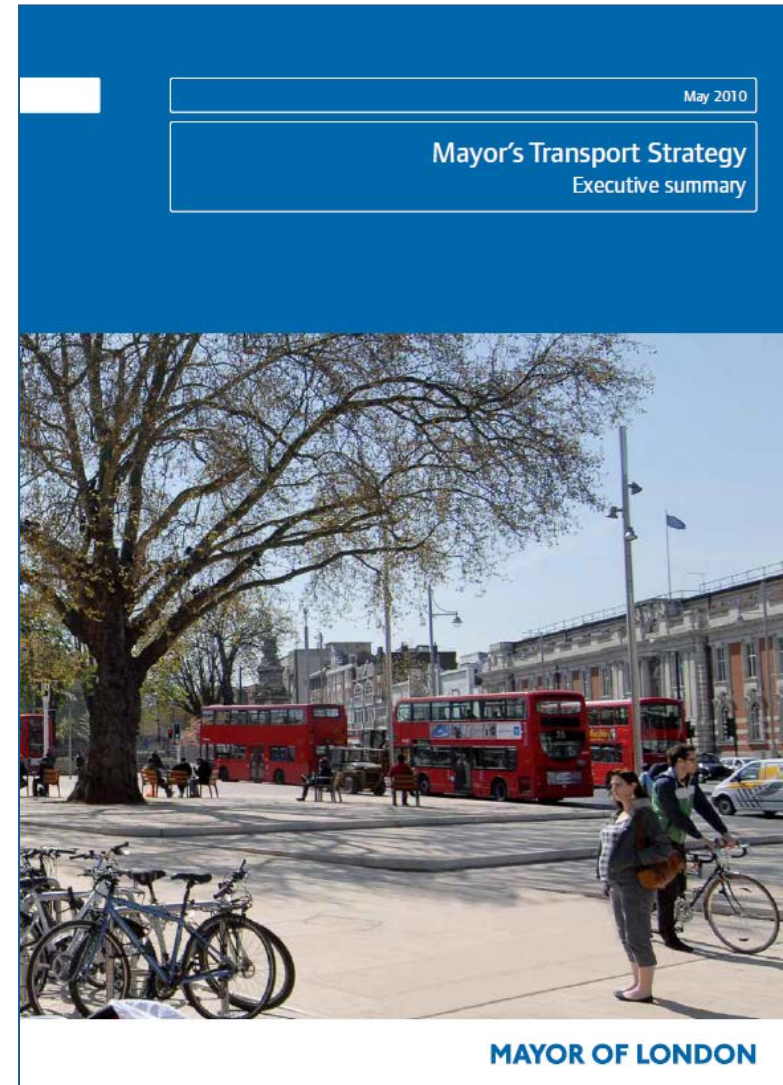
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The Mayor of London has a statutory duty to improve the health of Londoners and reduce health inequalities. This is reflected in the Mayor's Transport Strategy

“Transport is a key determinant of health and wellbeing, with direct effects through road collisions and air pollutants, and indirectly through stress and physical activity.”

“In accordance with the statutory requirements, the Mayor has included in the MTS those transport-related policies and proposals he considers are best calculated to promote improvements in the health of, and the reduction in health inequalities between, Londoners.”

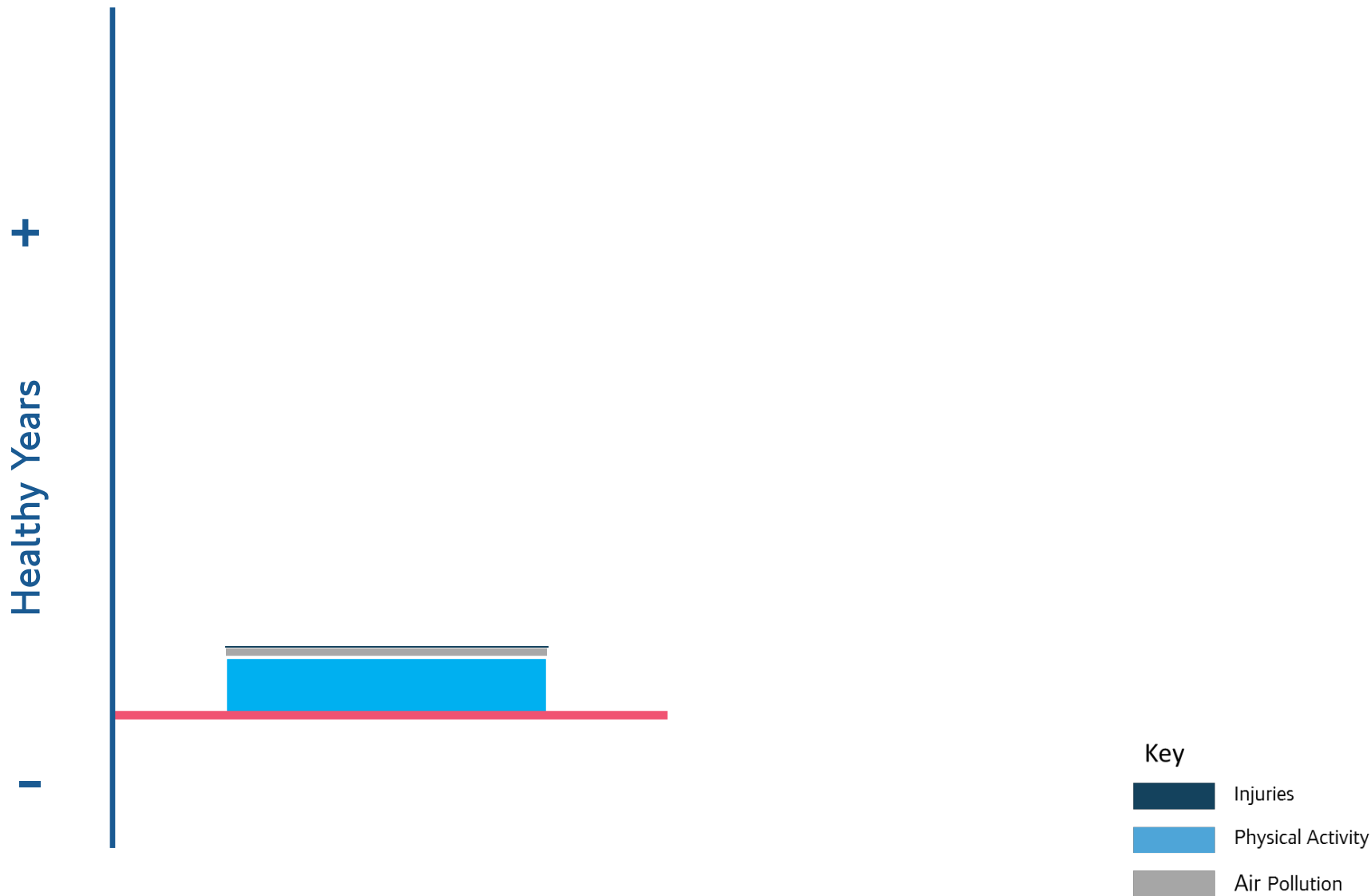
Mayor's Transport Strategy, 2010



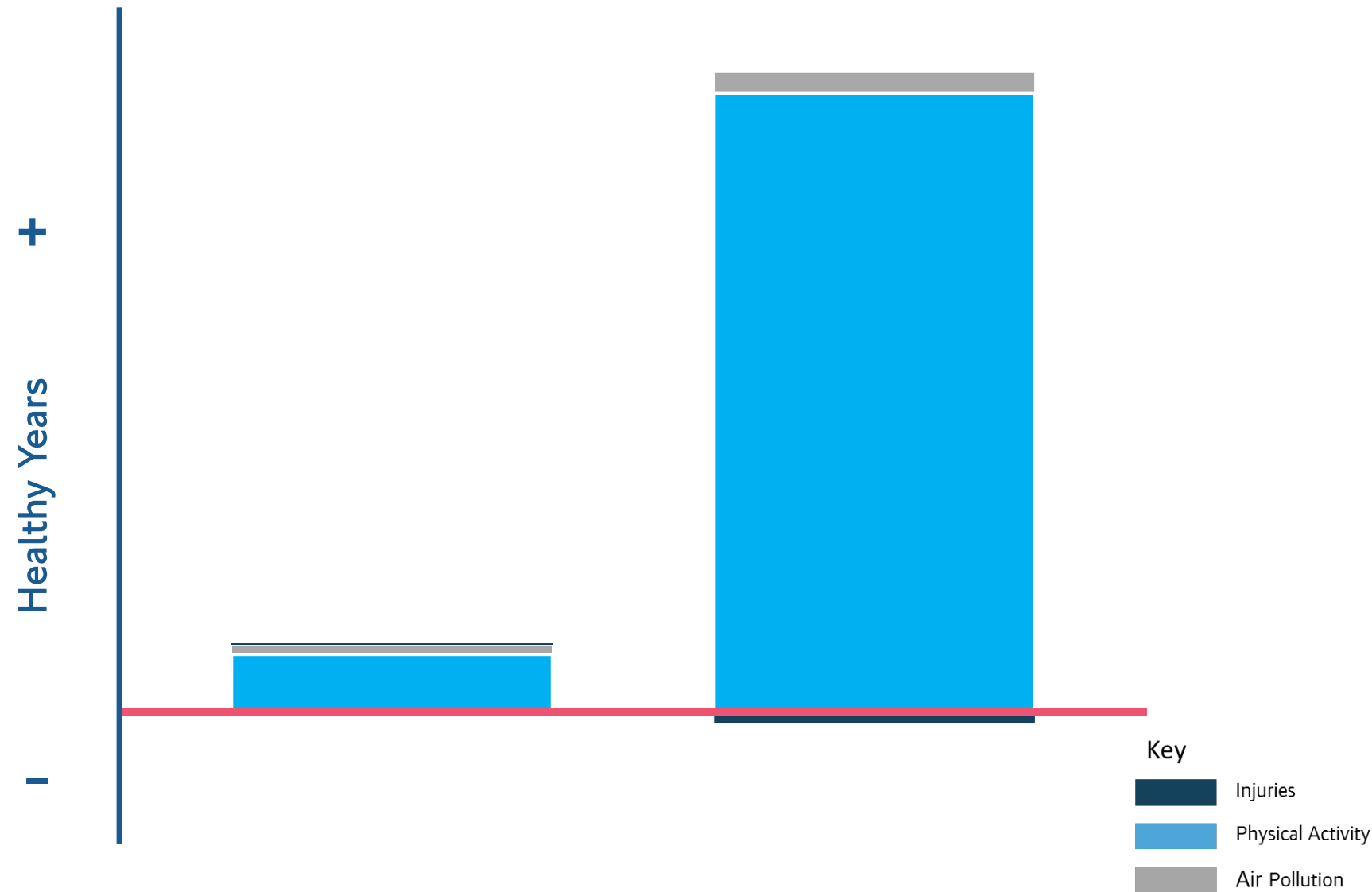
25% of Londoners are active through travel alone



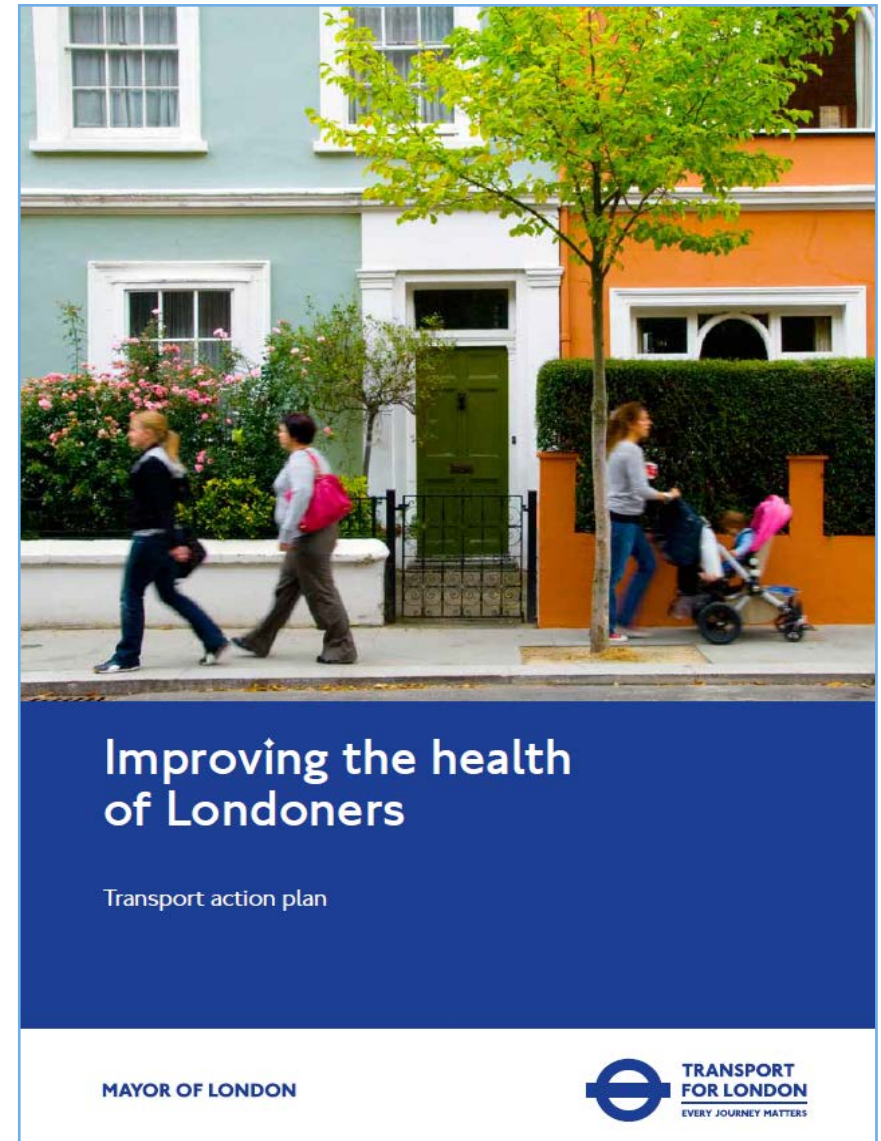
Mayor's Transport Strategy will deliver 6,900 years of healthy life to London's population each year by 2031



If all the easily switchable trips were walked or cycled the health benefit to Londoners would be 61,500 years of healthy life gained each year



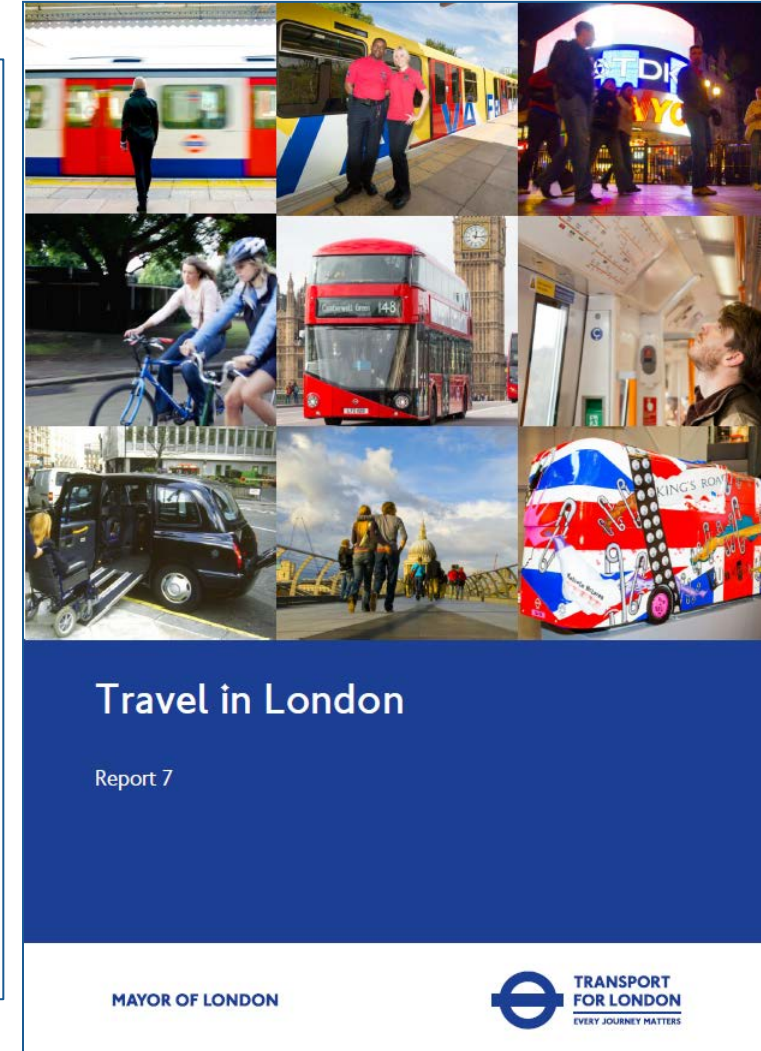
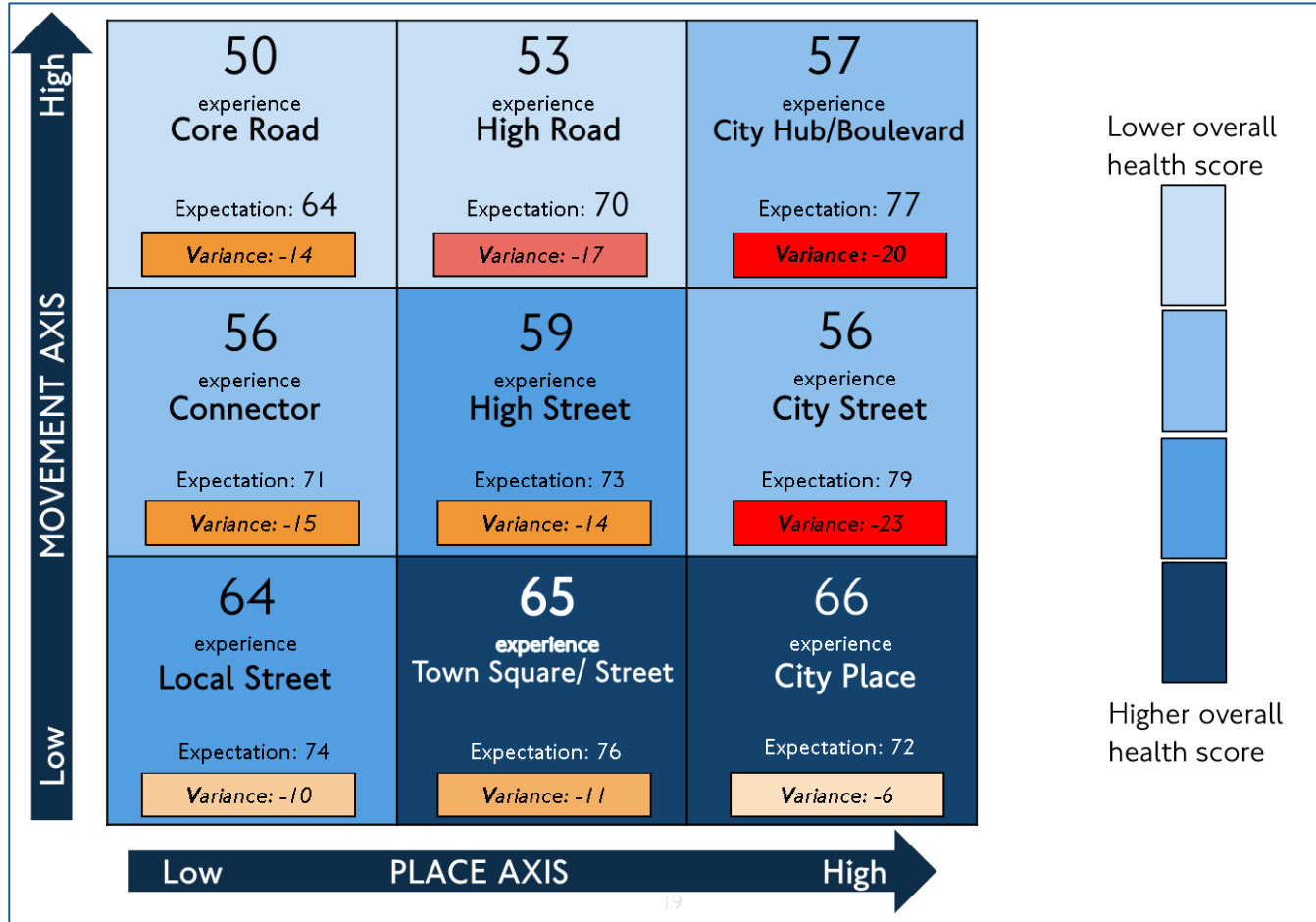
In February 2014 TfL published the world's first transport health action plan. The plan includes ten indicators of a Healthy Street – the key elements needed for a street to be inclusive, inviting and health promoting



Money talks – using HEAT and SART to monetise health benefits



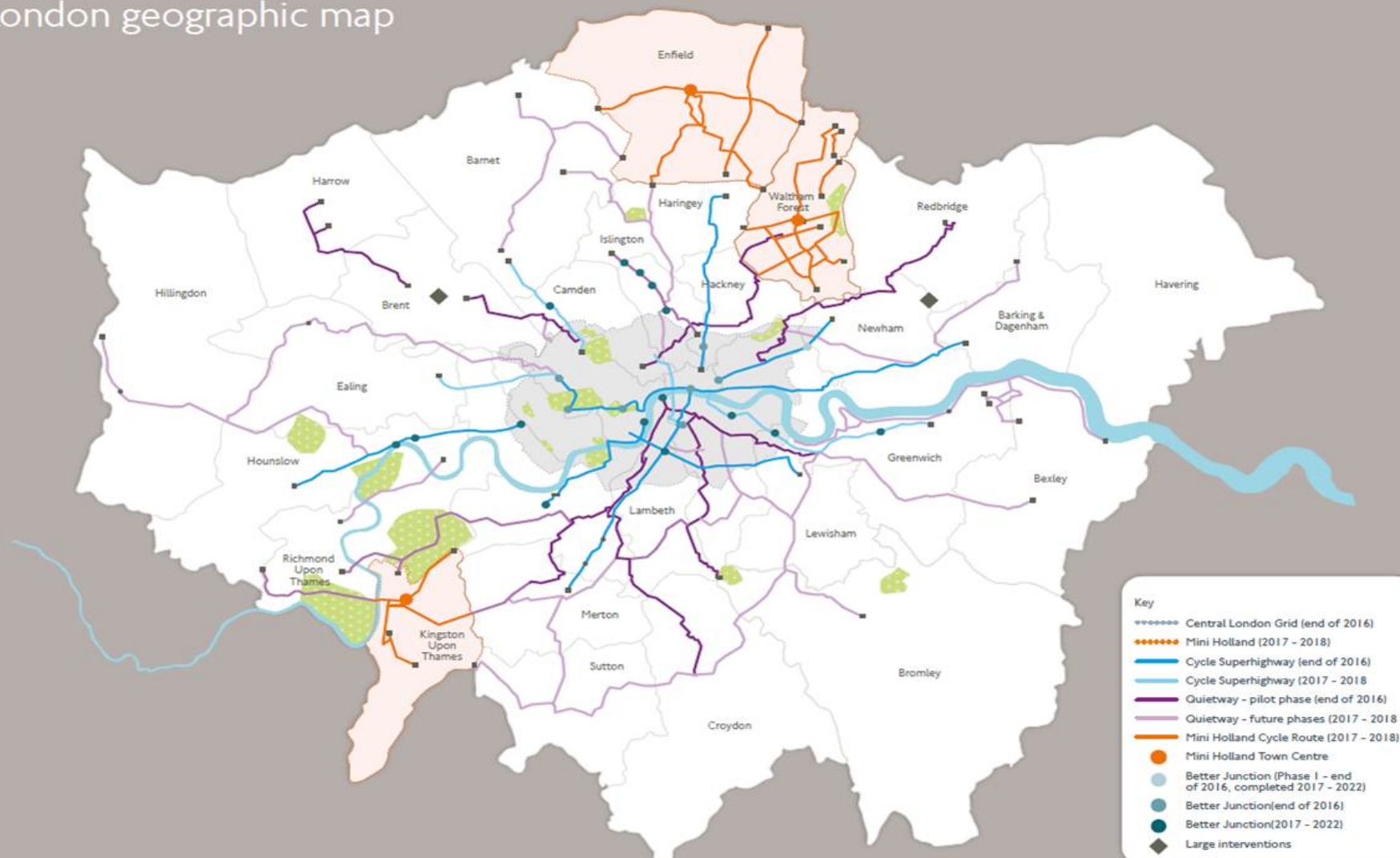
Evaluation, monitoring and data analysis



Will the next Mayor realise the potential of transport system to improve the health of Londoners?

Delivering population wide health benefits requires city wide interventions

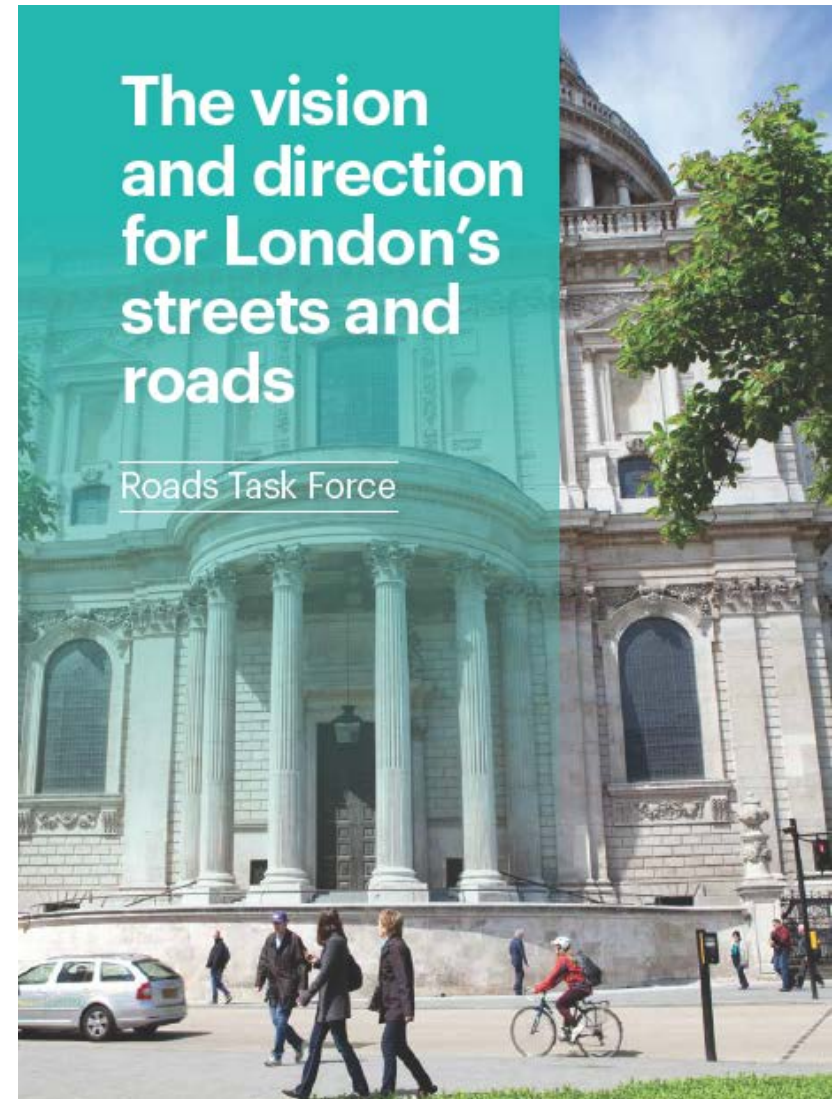
London geographic map



Managing competing demands for time and space on London's streets is the key challenge facing transport in London. The next Mayor will need to make some bold decisions about the role and function of London's streets

“Roads and streets must not only provide for the efficient and safe movement of people, goods and services, but must also provide great places which contribute to the look, feel and reputation of the city.”

Roads Task Force (2013)



“On any great urban street, every part of the current use has it’s fierce defenders.”
Jarrett Walker, *Human Transit* (2012)



“No goal, then no direction: no underlying plan, no consensus, then no effective practical action. If society is paralysed today, it is not for lack of means but for lack of purpose.”

Lewis Mumford, *The Culture of Cities* (1938)



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William H Whyte, *Are Cities Un-American?* (1958)



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