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Dear Idris Francis

TfL Ref: FOI-1370-1516

Thank you for your email received by Transport for London (TfL) on 22 October 2015 asking for information about speed cameras.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act and our information access policy. I can confirm we hold some of the information you require. You asked:

My Fol request is therefore that you copy to me any such assessments of camera effectiveness carried out by or for TfL since the DfT requirement was publicised in 2011, and to date.

Please see the attached FPC document

I would expect those evaluations to include, in addition to the status of those carrying out the assessments, the information to include best estimates of :-

a/ Changes in Fatal and Serious Collisions (FSC) at your speed and red-light camera sites, believed to be due to the presence of cameras (i.e. excluding such factors as long-term downward trends, regression to mean and, if and when the relevant data was available, changes in traffic volume).

b/ Cost-effectiveness estimates in terms of cash benefit to the State compared to scheme costs.

c/ The same either for All Collisions or minor injury collisions.

Alternatively at your discretion, as above but for casualties instead of accidents

We do not hold any further documents in addition to the FPC document attached.

Please include any such assessments of TfL's data as published last July provided to TfL by third parties, whether government or private sector organisations, academic researchers or other individuals (including me). Please also indicate which if any of these assessments were then made available outside TfL and which were not.

Please see the attached Maher documents which were presented to us at a data conference

If this is not the information you are looking for, or if you are unable to access it for some reason, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please see the attached information sheet for details of your right to appeal as well as information on copyright and what to do if you would like to re-use any of the information we have disclosed.

Yours sincerely

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From: Idris Francis [<mailto:idris.francis@btinternet.com>]  
Sent: 22 October 2015 13:39  
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Transport for London

Freedom of Information request regarding the effects of speed cameras

Dear Sirs,

In July 2014, in response to a DfT requirement published in mid 2011, TfL published its speed camera and red light camera site data from 1990 to 2012. As the DfT made clear, the purpose of that instruction was to provide relevant data to those organisations and members of the public who wished to understand what effects those cameras have.

It would seem reasonable to expect that when spending very considerable sums of public money on speed cameras since 1992, and increasingly since 2000, TfL would itself have needed to understand those effects, and especially so in later years as the volume of data available increased substantially - and indeed once it had been collated for publication.

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Please include any such assessments of TfL's data as published last July provided to TfL by third parties, whether government or private sector organisations, academic researchers or other individuals (including me). Please also indicate which if any of these assessments were then made available outside TfL and which were not.

Please do not include however, or refer me to, academic or other assessments of speed camera effects outside London.

I have narrowed down my original request very considerably, and have also listed the information in order of its priority, so that you may provide as much as your financial limit allows.

Where it would be easier for you to copy me reports or assessments including more information than I have asked for, please do so as I would be happy to extract from it what I need.

In the interests of clarity, my request covers the above information in whatever form it might exist - paper, emails, memos, minutes. I would be happy to receive the information as attachments to an email.

Yours sincerely

Idris Francis

From: Idris Francis [ <mailto:idris.francis@btinternet.com> ]

Sent: 16 February 2015 23:13

To: FOI

Subject: Freedom of Information request regarding the effects of speed cameras

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Transport for London

Freedom of Information request regarding the effects of speed cameras

Sirs,

On the 10th of July 2014 and several times since I sent information confirming beyond rational doubt that your claims for the benefits provided by your speed cameras are wildly exaggerated if not totally illusory.

I repeatedly asked for a meeting to discuss these false claims but each time it was refused. I understand however that the 8th of October six of your senior officials attended a meeting at which this point was discussed at some length.

I have since copied my assessment to your MD of Surface Transport and to members of your Surface Transport Panel, all of whom have chosen to ignore this evidence and all of whom seem intent on spending a great deal more money on more cameras.

In these circumstances my Freedom of Information request is for the following

All the information you hold relating to the information I provided, whether emails, memos, reports, minutes of meetings etc, and in whatever format, and to the decisions that appear to have been made to ignore it.

As above in relation to the meeting held on 8th October.

Yours sincerely

Idris Francis

Your reply

From: FOI  
To: "Idris Francis"  
Subject: FOI-1904-1415

Dear Idris Francis

TfL Ref: FOI-1904-1415

Thank you for your email received by us on 17 February 2015 asking for information relating to your correspondence with TfL since 10 July 2014 about road safety cameras.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act and our information access policy. I can confirm we do hold the information you require.

Transport for London (TfL) has begun work on a programme to overhaul the capital's road

safety camera network, replacing hundreds of old 'wet film' cameras with modern and more efficient digital safety cameras. As part of the investment programme we will continue to work with leaders in the field so that we remain at the forefront of evidence based evaluation.

Ensuring that all road users are acting responsibly is vitally important to ensure that the capital's roads are kept safe for all. We are committed to delivering a 40 per cent reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured on the capital's roads by 2020.

Unfortunately, to provide the information you have requested would exceed the 'appropriate limit' of £450 set by the Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

Under section 12 of the FOI Act, we are not obliged to comply with a request if we estimate that the cost of determining whether we hold the information, locating and retrieving it and extracting it from other information would exceed the appropriate limit. This is calculated at £25 per hour for every hour spent on the activities described.

We have estimated that it would significantly exceed the cost limit to provide a response to your current request. We estimate that collating the emails that are potentially captured by your request would require excessive time as these would need to be located and collated from various sources and then manually filtered one by one to ensure that all the relevant emails could be extracted and collated into a readable format to be able to issue them in response to your FOI request.

To help bring the cost of responding to your request within the £450 limit, you may wish to consider narrowing its scope so that we can more easily locate, retrieve and extract the information you are seeking, for instance by focussing on one particular aspect or a narrower time frame.. If you want to refine your request or make a Freedom of Information Act request in future, please bear in mind that the Freedom of Information Act allows you to request recorded information held by us. You should identify the information that you want as clearly and concisely as you can, specifying the types of document that you are looking for. You might also consider limiting your request to a particular period of time, a more focused topic or specific departments of the organisation.

Although your request can take the form of a question, rather than a request for specific documents, we do not have to answer your question if it would require the creation of new information or the provision of a judgement, explanation, advice or opinion that was not already recorded at the time of your request.

Please note that we will not be taking further action until we receive your revised request.

In the meantime, if you have any queries or would like to discuss your request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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