



ADDISON LEE

LONDON MAYORAL MANIFESTO 2021

Addison Lee has provided transport services to London for 45 years. We have seen lots of change in that time but nothing compared to what our city has faced in the past year. We have seen the people of London come together to support our NHS and other key workers as we battle the COVID-19 pandemic. Everyone has done their bit and we are proud to say that our passenger and courier drivers have stepped up to do theirs.



Our Donate a Ride campaign provided NHS staff with 10,000 free rides to 63 hospitals across London.



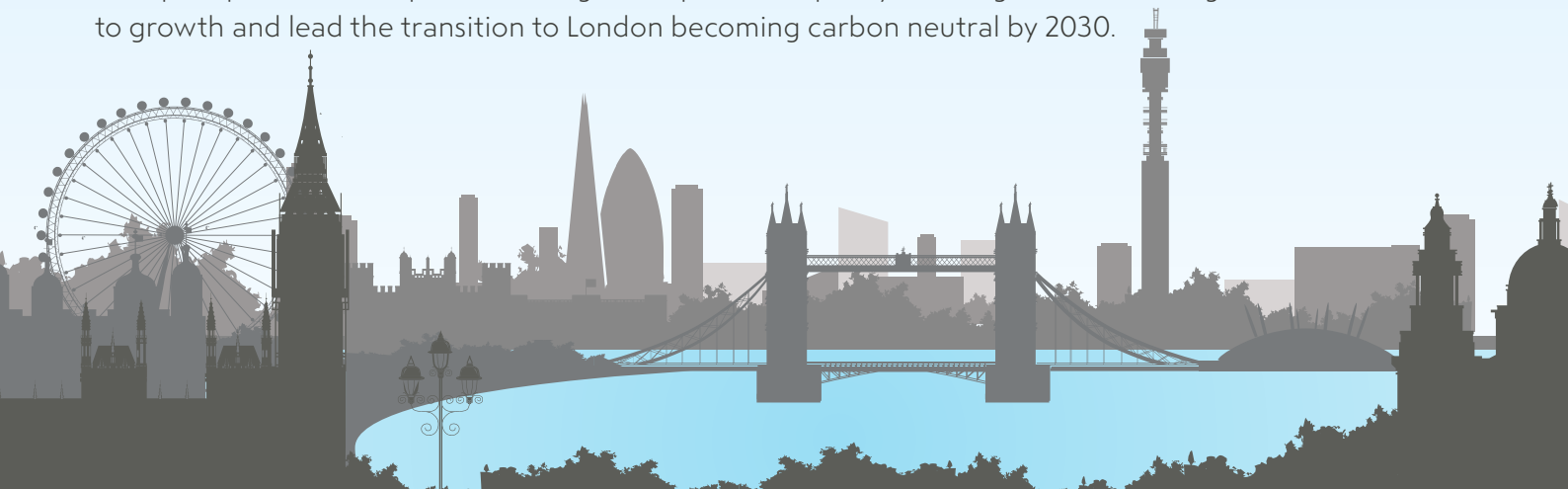
Through our appeal with Centrepoin, we raised £20,000 to support vulnerable young people, provided their staff with free rides over Christmas and delivered presents with Nickie Aiken MP across London.



We are also supporting the Government's vaccination programme by offering discounted fares to the mass vaccination centres in London.

The Government's roadmap out of lockdown has provided us with a pathway to economic recovery. As the beating heart of the national economy, it is vital that London leads the way in this. In the face of Brexit, as well as the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayor of London needs to continue to build confidence in the capital's economy and support London businesses that have seen the city through these challenging times.

Ahead of the Mayoral elections, Addison Lee is publishing its manifesto to deliver a strong and sustainable recovery from COVID-19 in London. The priorities set out below will aid this by ensuring safe and clean transport provision is in place, tackling the capital's air quality challenges, and enabling London to return to growth and lead the transition to London becoming carbon neutral by 2030.



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COVID RECOVERY

Following the publication of the Government's roadmap out of lockdown, we call on the Mayor of London and the London Recovery Board to work with businesses across London, and central Government, to set out an urgent economic recovery plan for the capital. This plan should include:

- The development of a COVID-19 Safety Standard for businesses that have implemented stringent safety and hygiene measures to protect the public and build consumer confidence as London's business and cultural centres reopen.
- Clear support and guidance for businesses as they plan to bring their staff back into offices. This should include safe transport options that provide reassurance for commuters.
- Recognition of the connected nature of London's economy, particularly the important role that offices play as centres for the leisure and entertainment sectors.



57% of Londoners said that concerns about safe commuting are delaying their return to work*.

*Based on an Addison Lee survey



ELECTRIC VEHICLE TRANSITION

To support London's green recovery from the pandemic, the Mayor must provide a more extensive electric charging infrastructure network in London to ensure that fleets can transition to fully zero emission vehicles. To achieve this the Mayor should:

- Extend the Congestion Charge cleaner vehicle discount for fully zero emission vehicles from 2025 to 2030 to incentivise businesses and fleet transport to transition to the cleanest vehicles.
- Ensure fair and equal access to charging infrastructure on TfL roads, and not designate any further charging points as 'taxi only'.
- Ensure a common method of access to all public chargepoints. When procuring for EV charging points, TfL and the London Boroughs must require that charging operators roam with other operator networks, allowing drivers to use any charging point with any membership card or mobile app.



London's licensed taxis have exclusive access to over **25%** of TfL's rapid charge network yet they constitute only **17%** of London's taxi and Private Hire Vehicle market.



FUTURE OF ROAD PRICING

Reducing congestion is key to decarbonising London's transport network. At the same time, passenger and courier vehicles have kept London moving during the COVID-19 pandemic and will play a key role in getting London moving again, supporting London's economic recovery and future prosperity.

In the immediate-term, the Mayor should:

- Convene a working group of transport providers, businesses and relevant organisations to develop a long-term multi-modal road pricing solution for London.
- Reinstate the Congestion Charge to pre-pandemic levels in recognition of the serious knock on impacts this tax is having on London's businesses as they seek to recoup and recover from COVID-19.
- Review and minimise the impact of temporary road closures put in place by local boroughs during the pandemic, ensuring road space for active travel, as well as public and private passenger and delivery services.



It costs each PHV driver an extra **83% per week** to work in the Congestion Charge Zone since the Mayor of London raised the fee to **£15 per day** and extended the charging period by **50 hours per week**.