

# **TfL BOF Update**

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### **Risk Based Inspection Intervals**

- Phase 1 trial successfully completed in 2010
- Phase 2 improvements
  - Atkins to commence in Feb 2011
  - Minor tweaks
  - Profile smoothing
  - User guide
  - Integrate with BridgeStation and LoBEG

# **Parapet Risk Assessment**



## **The Issues**



## Background

Not deemed suitable for the TLRN

- Speed < 50mph
- Lower AADT
- Higher impact angles
- Non-standard road configurations
- Other high risk hazards

### **Parapet Risk Assessment**

- Bespoke TfL system based on the principles set out in TD19 to assess and rank parapet incursion risk for TLRN structures - developed with Hyder
- Based on the three main elements that define parapet requirements on a highway structure:
  - Incidence
  - Consequence
  - Mitigation

#### • Incidence

- Risk of a vehicle departing from its line of travel and crossing the boundary of the structure
- Governed largely by site geometry and highway usage
  - Traffic volume
  - Traffic speed
  - Traffic manoeuvres / junctions
  - Highway alignment
  - Carriageway configuration
  - Parapet length
  - Visibility
  - Highway interactions

#### Consequence

- Consequence varies dramatically depending on land use
- Categories:
  - Railways: main line, underground, light rail, industrial, depots, sidings
  - Industrial and utility complexes: Ranging from high risk gas, fuel and chemical facilities to industrial estates and retail facilities
  - Highway adjacent or below
  - Schools, hospitals, social complexes, car parks and recreational areas
  - **Residential Properties**
  - Waterways: Tideway, navigable and non-navigable

### • Mitigation

- Parapet or other vehicle restraint system
  - Parapet type
  - Proximity to carriageway
  - Orientation to direction of travel
  - Parapet condition
- Other factors that either reduce the likelihood of incidence or directly provide mitigation
  - Additional vehicle restraint systems placed in front of parapets
    - Safety fences
    - Vertical concrete barriers
    - Pedestrian guardrail
    - Trief kerbs

- Parapet Index
  - **PI = 100.IS. CS. MF -1/ PS (maximum)**

Where:

- IS = s.kf(n(x)) (actual)/ kf(n(x)) (maximum)
- CS = s (actual).k (actual)/s (maximum).k (maximum)

MF = s.n (actual)/ n (maximum)

• Parapet Index scale from 0 (best) to 100 (worst)

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- Red Amber Green (RAG)
- Based on the consequences (measured by cost) of an incursion
- Cost of an incursion estimated as the sum of a number of component costs e.g.:
  - remedial works
  - traffic diversions
  - injury/loss of life

#### **Red Zone (unacceptable risk)**

- PI score equal to or greater than 90
- Cost of an event greater than £1 million
- Multiple fatalities
- Major disruption to the network for significant durations
- Significant indirect costs
  - rail delay
  - traffic delay
  - disruption to industrial facilities and utilities supplies
- National political and reputational implications with national media coverage

#### Amber Zone (tolerable risk)

- PI score <90 and >45
- Cost of an event <£1M and >£40K
- Possible fatality
- Disruption to the network for up to a few days
- Likely to result in some indirect costs
- Regional political and reputational implications with regional media coverage



#### Green Zone (broadly acceptable risk)

- PI score equal to or less than 45
- Cost of an event up to £40k
- Unlikely to result in a fatality, but possible serious injury
- Minor network disruption over a short duration of less than a day
- Likely to lead to minor indirect costs
- Possible local political implications with local media coverage - unlikely to affect reputation

# **Our Approach**

- Desk top study
  - Initial sift
    - 277 forms
    - Google maps, street view etc.
    - Local knowledge
  - More detailed review starting with high risk structures
    - Greater interrogation of structure records
    - Site visit and measurements may be appropriate
    - Some risk scores reduced, others increased
    - Initial proposals and estimated costs for mitigation works ALARP
    - Simple cost benefit analysis
- Installation of interim measures
- Design of permanent upgrades, replacement, strengthening
  - Include detailed site survey, testing etc to confirm assumptions made during desk study
  - May lead to further reduction in sites that need to be addressed

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# **Next Steps**

- Production of user guide
- Adoption by LoBEG
- Trial by ADEPT Bridges Group Members
- Extending to include all road restraint systems
- Add module to bridge management system
- Debate?

# LoBEG/TfL

- Lifecycle planner
- Maintenance
  Prioritisation
- Value for Money
- Structures Investment Planner (DfT)
- General improvements
  to BridgeStation



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